

Secretary of State testifies to US House committee

Shultz kept in the dark on Iran arms deal

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said he had been shocked to discover that the US ambassador to Lebanon had been secretly involved in the White House arms shipments to Iran without telling him or the State Department anything about it.

Testifying at the opening of the first public congressional hearing into the affair, Mr Shultz said he had immediately ordered the Ambassador, Mr John Kelly, to return to Washington to give an explanation and bring all relevant records of his activities.

"I am, to put it mildly, shocked to learn this after the event from an ambassador," Mr Shultz said grimly. His disclosure drew a gasp of surprise from the members of the House foreign affairs committee.

ous conversations" with Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed NSC assistant, and General Richard Secord, a former Pentagon officer involved in fund-raising for the Contras.

"During that period," Mr Kelly's message stated, "I then destroyed on his orders according to standard practice at the Beirut Embassy. But he assumed there were copies at CIA headquarters or at the White House."

Mr Kelly's message flatly contradicts President Reagan's repeated assertions that the Iran arms shipments were not directly tied to hostage negotiations. His secret talks here in July with Mr McFarlane, unknown to Mr Shultz, also highlight the extent to which the White House kept the State Department in ignorance of its negotiations.

Mr Shultz said he had had only fragmentary knowledge of the arms sales to Iran and knew nothing at all of the transfer of profits to the Nicaraguan Contras. And he said he had learned only in November, with the rest of the nation, of President Reagan's secret intelligence "finding" on January 17 authorizing the shipment of US arms to Iran.

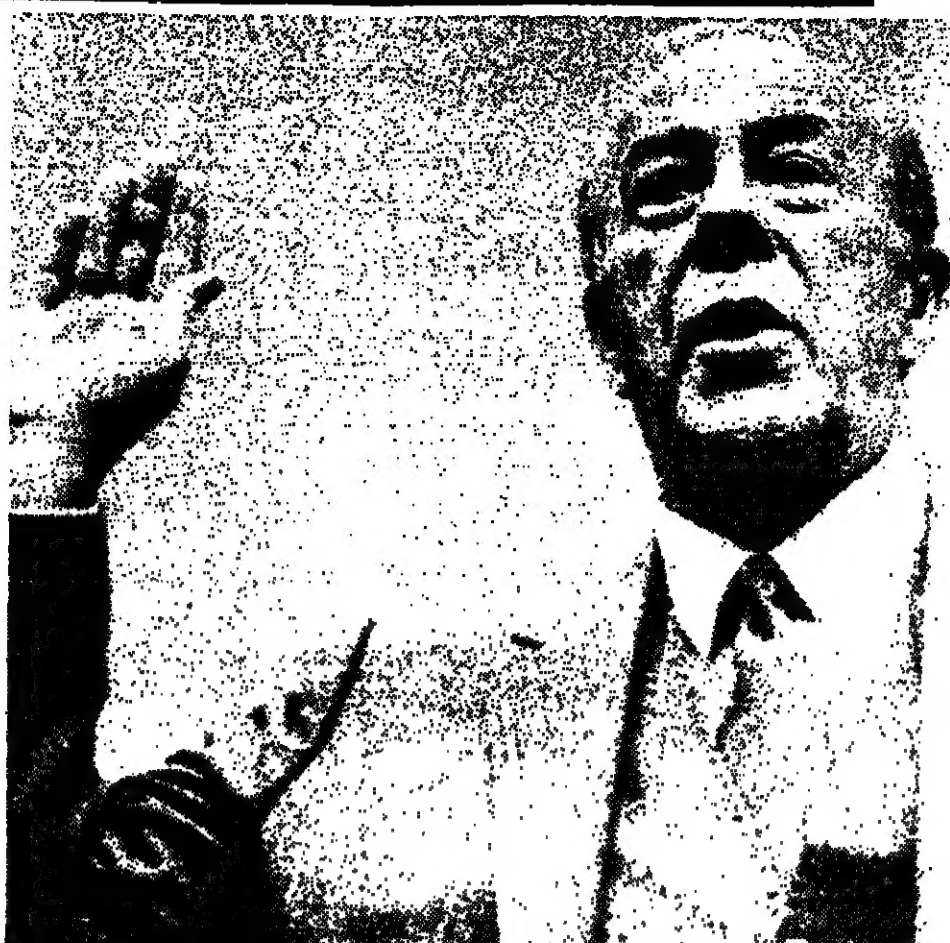
Speaking on the eve of his departure for London for talks with the British Government, Mr Shultz said he had ordered Mr Kelly to make himself available to the FBI and other investigators into the Iran affair.

"If something comes up that causes an ambassador to go outside of that chain of command," he said, "I would be very concerned."

received and sent numerous "back channel" messages to and from the White House, Admiral Poindexter, concerning the hostage negotiations. Those messages were transmitted and received in what is referred to as the "privacy channel" using CIA communications facilities.

He said these messages were

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Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, taking the oath as he prepares to testify before the House foreign affairs committee in Washington yesterday.

Baker Bill set to impose settlement in schools dispute

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Bargaining between the teachers' unions and their local authority employers has "failed schools", Mr Kenneth Baker said yesterday as he introduced the Bill giving him unprecedented powers to end the current dispute and determine pay and conditions for the next four years at the least.

The Secretary of State said that in the interests of children, the Government had a duty to bring to a swift end the "negotiating brawls" that had blighted their prospects over the past two years.

And in the interests of taxpayers and ratepayers, it could not accept the Acsa package, supported by only two of the six teacher unions, because of its "flat and undifferentiated pay structure" and the extra cost of £85 million on top of the £608 million already available.

Parents had had enough, he said, adding that while his door remained open to a last minute voluntary settlement, MPs should be in no doubt of the Government's determination to end "this sorry business".

But the new legislation, scheduled to complete its Commons stages this week, was bitterly attacked by Mr Giles Radice, Labour's frontbench education spokesman, as a denial of teachers' basic human rights.

"What is so extraordinary about this legislation is that once the Bill comes into force 400,000 teachers will be left with fewer rights than any other group of public servants."

It was a "thoroughly bad" measure and the interim advisory committee proposed to advise the Secretary of State on pay and conditions would be "no more than the minister's poodle".

Insisting that the present divisions could be resolved by further negotiations if the Secretary of State showed willing, Mr Radice warned there was a *prima facie* case that the Bill contravened conventions of the International Labour Organization and European Social Charter.

Earlier, Mr Baker, urged on by his backbenchers, retold the "long and rather miserable" history of efforts under the Burnham pay bargaining machinery, abolished under the new law, to resolve the current dispute.

"The long dreary history of these negotiations and the attendant disruption to children's education mean that I cannot stand by and trust that all will come right in the end and that peace will return to our schools, as has so often been promised in the past," Mr Baker said.

He justified replacing it with the advisory committee, which will take evidence from the unions and council employers then give advice, on the grounds that the Government had to reassert its right to a voice in negotiations. That was lost when the so-called concordat giving the Secretary of State a veto over awards was torn up last summer.

"This Bill re-establishes an appropriate role for the Secretary of State in the determination of teachers' pay and links that with duties and conditions. It does not seek to set a system for all time."

The Government hopes that the Bill will become law by February.

Crown to give up immunity

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Britain's armed forces will soon be allowed to sue the Crown in personal injury cases, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announced last night.

Agreement to the repeal of Section 10 of the Crown Proceedings Act of 1947, follows a Whitehall review which confirmed that compensation payments made by the Ministry of Defence to injured servicemen and women were often below those obtained by civilians in courts.

Mr Younger is hoping a backbench MP will introduce a private members' Bill which he will willingly support.

But he gave a warning in a Commons written reply: "We will need to be able to re-activate the provisions of Section 10 in the event of impending, or actual, hostilities, or grave national emergency."

The lifting of the legal curbs comes after a prolonged campaign, inside and outside parliament, led by Mr Jack Ashley, the Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, which has highlighted the disadvantage suffered by the country's 320,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen.

The existing system of benefits which are payable in cases of death or injury, regardless of fault, will be maintained.

Mr Younger said the proposed change must not effect the maintenance of discipline or the quality of military training.

"My department will therefore stand behind any serviceman who is sued by another serviceman for alleged negligence arising out of the execution of his duties and, in doing so, would aim to place on record the peculiar hazards and difficulties to which a serviceman's life is subject."

Chirac gives in to students on university bill

From Diana Geddes, Paris

In an attempt to defuse an increasingly explosive situation, M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, has announced the Government's decision to give in to student demands to withdraw the whole of its controversial university reform bill.

The Government's change of heart has come in the face of continuing student demonstrations and deepening divisions within its own right-wing majority on the best way to tackle the unrest.

M Chirac avoided a possible head-on clash with President Mitterrand who, although he has said little in public about the student crisis, is known to have disapproved strongly of the Government's handling of the affair. He greeted "with satisfaction" the Government's decision to withdraw its bill — a move he advocated in talks with M Chirac on Saturday night.

Mitterrand paid a well-publicized visit to the family of the dead student, Malik Oussekine, yesterday. "I wanted to bear witness to the nation's concern in the face of this great misfortune," he said.

The decision to withdraw the bill has been greeted with relief by moderates in the Gaullist RPR Party and the centre-right UDF Party.

However, M Chirac is certain to face harsh criticism from conservative hardliners who will see his capitulation as an open invitation to others to take to the streets in an attempt to force the Government to change its policies.

The students' national co-ordinating committee announced last night that it was maintaining its appeal to the general public to join in tomorrow's mass demonstration in Paris, but it is now unlikely to get the broad support it had hoped for.

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PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

On international human rights day, Caroline Moorehead reports from the Soviet Union on the refusniks who put themselves at risk in order to oppose the Kremlin leaders

Portfolio Gold

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by three readers: Mr B. Dehn of Surbiton, Surrey; Miss K. Ades of London, N.W.1; and Mr W. Akers of Farnham, Surrey. Details, page 3.
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TIMES BUSINESS

Industry hit

Industry's material and fuel costs jumped by 2.3 per cent last month, mainly because of higher electricity tariffs. But prices charged by manufacturers rose by just 0.2 per cent. Page 21

Glass battle

Pilkington, the world's largest glassmaker, hit back in the contested £1.2 billion takeover bid by the industrial conglomerate BTR with a 76 per cent rise in half-year profits to £87 million. Pages 21, 23

TIMES SPORT

Telford's fear

Telford United, one of only four non-League clubs still in the FA Cup, are viewing next month's visit of Leeds United's hooligan supporters with apprehension. Page 38

New stadium

On Sunday, Bradford City football team play a memorial match at their rebuilt stadium, 18 months after the fire in which 55 people died. Page 38

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Sid makes a profit of 25%

By Richard Evans

After a nerve-racking week watching the vacillations of the grey market, millions of Sids up and down the country breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as shares in British Gas opened at prices well above what many had expected.

Amid all the talk of a tiny premium or even a discount to the 50p partly-paid issue price, British Gas hit the Stock Exchange at 63p and briefly touched 70p before closing the day at about 62 1/2p.

It was a far cry from the British Telecom and TSB flotations, in which shareholders were able to double their money on the first day of trading. But, as old City hands pointed out, a 25 per cent premium was "not to be sneezed at."

The Stock Exchange floor, which has been largely deserted since the advent of inter-office trading after Big Bang, took on a familiar crowded look under a massive British Gas balloon as all trading volume records were broken. Traders dealt in 811 million British Gas shares, equivalent to one-fifth of the shares sold in the £5.6 billion flotation.

The start of trading at 2.30pm was watched by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, and Sir Denis Brooke, chairman of British Gas, who were greeted at the Exchange by a bagpipe band and Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman.

Business was dominated by the huge securities houses and large institutional investors, but there were signs that plenty of small investors were selling their shares despite the enticements of bonus shares or gas bill vouchers.

"Sid seems to be getting rid of his shares because of the high premium," said Mr Peter Barratt, of the Manchester stockbroker, Ashworth Sons & Barratt. "We've done a massive amount of selling and haven't seen a buyer."

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MP forces Militant showdown

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr John Ryman, the Labour MP for Blyth Valley who is demanding an investigation into his local constituency party, will have a showdown meeting with Labour's national agent today before deciding if he will carry out his threat to force a by-election.

He said last night he will "almost certainly" force a highly damaging poll if Mr David Hughes fails to promise a proper investigation into



Mr Campbell yesterday: Militant link denied.

allegations of physical intimidation, fraudulent membership lists, distribution of Militant literature and other irregularities which have been forwarded by local party members.

Mr Ryman, who decided in September not to stand again for Parliament, says the Blyth party has been taken over by the extreme left and claims the parliamentary candidate chosen at the weekend to fight the next general election is a Militant "stooge".

But Mr Ronnie Campbell, the new candidate, last night rejected accusations that he was a member of the proscribed Militant organization.

Mr Hughes plans to go to Blyth on Friday and spend two hours in the local Labour club speaking to people who have made complaints.

But Mr Ryman said: "I specifically want him on behalf of the complainants to make fundamental changes in

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Driver banned before trial

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A motorist alleged to have driven a car at high speed with a policeman on the roof was yesterday banned from driving until his case comes up for trial.

The controversial decision, the second of its kind within a week, has prompted fears that such bans might herald a new pre-Christs crackdown on drink-drivers.

Richard Turner, aged 27, of Queen's Avenue, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, appeared before Oxford magistrates accused of causing actual bodily harm to a police constable by wanton or furious driving with excess alcohol on Saturday.

The court, exercising its powers under the Bail Act 1976, imposed the ban after police asked for specific conditions of bail to be imposed. Last week magistrates in Birmingham imposed a similar restriction as a condition of bail.

Magistrates have the power to impose conditions when granting bail which will prevent the commission of further offences.

Mr Peter Wallis, clerk to the Tonbridge and West Malling justices and an editor of the road traffic law "bible", *Wilkinson's Road Traffic*

Law, said he hoped this would not set a trend.

"My magistrates won't be imposing such conditions. I would advise against it," he said. "It smacks rather of punishment before proof of guilt."

He said the case might take two months to come to court and then the defendant might be acquitted. He would then have lost the use of his car.

He added that a Government-initiated review into road traffic law had asked in its consultation paper if the confiscation of licences before trial should be considered, but the Justices' Clerks' Society advised against it.

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Architect's surprise victory heralds a new era

By Alan Hamilton and Charles Kneivitt

Mr Rod Hackney, the champion of community architecture and feeder of controversial ideas to the Prince of Wales, yesterday was the surprise winner in the election for President of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Mr Hackney, regarded by the architectural establishment as an outside contender for the prestigious and influential post, enjoyed a comfortable majority of 5,972 votes to 4,210 over Mr Raymond Andrews, the Institute's official nominee.

Mr Hackney's vote represented over 58 per cent of the ballot among Institute members in Britain and overseas, in an unusually low poll.

In what some members of the profession have described as a fight between a poodle and a terrier, Mr Hackney, cast in the role of the Jack Russell, campaigned on a radical platform.

He sought to drag architecture into the next century by means of a higher profile, more effective lobbying of government for the construction industry, and opening the Institute's exclusive ranks to a wider membership.

The new president said yesterday that his mission was

to make his profession more relevant to present needs, especially in answering the plight of Britain's inner cities, a cause which the Prince of



Mr Rod Hackney: fed ideas to the Prince of Wales.

Wales has espoused with enthusiasm but for which he has been attacked on the grounds of impracticality and crankiness.

"It was a fair and honest election; we are going to have an interesting two years," Mr Hackney said.

He described the Prince of Wales as a champion of architecture, and dismissed as "petty" the Institute's criticisms of the Prince's well-publicized appeal for more attention to be paid to inner cities.

Mr Hackney, aged 44, has thrown a whole scratch of cats among the Institute's traditionally docile pigeons. By

merely electing to stand on an anti-establishment ticket against the Institute's preferred candidate he destroyed the smooth progress of Buggins' turn and forced an election.

During the election his opponent, Mr Andrews, dragged the name of Buckingham Palace on to the hustings, something which Mr Hackney, during his association with the Prince of Wales, has studiously avoided.

His election calls into question the future of Mr Patrick Harrison, the Institute's £46,500 a year secretary, and

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NEWS SUMMARY

Scargill foe leads rebel pit union

One of the men who helped to defeat Mr Arthur Scargill during the miners' strike became general secretary of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers yesterday.

Mr John Liptrott, aged 50, succeeds Mr Roy Lyak, who was elected unopposed as president.

Mr Liptrott was leader of the National Working Miners' Committee, representing National Union of Mineworkers members who refused to strike without a ballot.

Mr Brian Nicholson, chairman of the Transport and General Workers' Union, has written to 10,000 union branches complaining of a campaign of "vilification" against him since he took over the job last April. His unprecedented move is being viewed as part of the power struggle between the union's right and left wings.

TV show censured

Two complaints against the BBC TV consumer programme *Watchdog* have been upheld by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

The complaints concerned a programme broadcast in 1985 about Mr Tony O'Shea, a disabled Birmingham jeweller, whose insurance claim over stolen jewellery was repudiated by Lloyd's because he failed to disclose a conviction for receiving a stolen camera.

Watchdog said that Lloyd's had refused to pay "one penny", but Mr O'Shea had been offered a £10,000 ex-gratia payment. The commission said this was unfair treatment of Lloyd's. It was also unfair of the programme to blame the insurers for Mr O'Shea's plight.

£1.1m in car sale

Christie's sale of Benz, Daimler and Mercedes motor cars at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, yesterday was a success and a failure.

It made £1.1 million, but half the cars remained unsold, including the most valuable offering, a 1933 Mercedes-Benz 300K Special Roadster.

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Royal firs for sale

The Queen is selling Christmas trees from the royal estate at Sandringham, Norfolk, to the public for the first time.

Two thousand trees are on offer, ranging from 10ft to 3ft high. They cost 80p a foot sawn off, or £1 a foot with roots.

An estate spokesman said: "We had rather a lot of surplus trees."

Sikh murder charges

Armed police surrounded Lambeth Magistrates' Court, south London, yesterday, when a man aged 31 was remanded in custody until January 5, accused of conspiring to murder two prominent members of the Sikh community in Britain.

Garnail Singh, a shop worker, of Tottenham High Road, Tottenham, north London, faces charges of conspiring with others to murder Sohan Singh Laddar at Luton, Bedfordshire, and Tersem Singh Toor at Southall, west London. He is also charged with having a revolver without a firearms certificate.

Lords tighten up consumer Bill

The Government is expected to be forced to change radically the Consumer Protection Bill in the House of Lords because of two loopholes (Sheila Gunn writes).

As the Bill stands, victims of tragedies, such as the thalidomide drug and the Chinook helicopter crash, may not be able to sue.

The peers gave a clear warning last night during the Bill's second reading debate that they will fight to widen the consumers' rights.

Among those who vowed to

change the Bill were Lord Allen of Abbeydale, an Independent peer, and Lady Burton of Coventry, for the Social Democratic Party. They had the backing of Lord Williams of Elvel, Labour's trade and industry spokesman.

The consumers' lobby has been campaigning to remove from the Bill the "development risks" defence, which allows manufacturers to claim that the state of scientific and technological knowledge was such that a defect could not have been discovered.

British soldier's arrest leads to inquiry

By Richard Ford

The British and Irish Governments have ordered detailed reports into the arrest in the Irish Republic of a British soldier engaged in a joint cross-border security operation.

The soldier, serving with the Grenadier Guards, was part of a "hot pursuit" search for Provisional IRA terrorists who mortar bombed an army observation post near the border, on Saturday.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday that the soldier was arrested and held in

detention by Irish police in Co Louth.

He was detained for five hours at Dundalk Garda Station but was later released.

That incident and an alleged second incursion into the republic by a British Army foot patrol at Courtbane, Co Louth, on Sunday, were raised by the Irish Government at the thirteenth meeting of the Joint Anglo-Irish Ministerial Conference in Belfast yesterday.

The British Government believes that the conference — and secretariat services it provides — offer the best method of dealing with such incidents,

which can develop into local diplomatic disputes.

The conference ruled out Irish government demands for reform of the Diplock non-jury court in Northern Ireland, with Britain arguing that there were real difficulties about introducing three rather than the present one judge to preside in the court.

As the conference met, a small crowd of 25 people, led by the Rev Ian Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, protested as Mr Peter Barry, the republic's Minister for Public Affairs, and Mr Alan Dukes, the Minister for Justice, arrived.

The two men flew into the grounds of Stormont Castle by helicopter and in brief scuffles with a large number of officers from the Royal Ulster Constabulary, who were guarding the grounds, two people were arrested.

One of them, Mr Jim Wells, a former member of the Democratic Unionist Party, who is serving a two-year suspended sentence of six months for disorderly behaviour, is to appear at Belfast Magistrates' Court this morning.

The protesters shouted "traitors" at the officers and urged them to be loyal to the

Crown, rather than Mr Barry. Mr Paisley said: "I believe the British Government has capitulated and that Mrs Thatcher is on the run as far as Dublin is concerned."

He said "loyalists" were not prepared to play her game and make the agreement a law and order issue.

An Irish tricolour was burned and Mr Paisley, imitating President Reagan's slogan said, "you ain't seen nothin' yet".

Mr Harold McCusker, Official Unionist MP for Upper Bann, was yesterday ordered to pay a rates demand for £594 at Craigavon Magistrates' Court.

BAe given boost by Airbus sale to Japan

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Aerospace received a big boost yesterday with the announcement of a contract for the sale of 10 A340 Airbus to All Nippon Airways of Japan.

But the future of the Airbus, designed to challenge the supremacy of Boeing in long-haul jet fleets, will hang on a decision of the board of Swissair, due to be taken in Zurich in the next few weeks.

The Swiss national airline will choose between the European Airbus and the American-designed McDonnell Douglas MD 11 to replace its existing long-range fleet.

Both Airbus Industrie, in which BAe has a 20 per cent stake, and McDonnell Douglas are stepping up the sales pitch in a bid to clinch an agreement.

Airbus proposition increase the size of the A340 to add another 35 seats and match more nearly the size of the MD 11, nine of which have been ordered by British Caledonian.

In talks yesterday with Mr Geoffrey Fatt, Minister for Industry, British Aerospace pressed for an early indication on whether the Government would provide £750 million to help it launch the aircraft.

European airlines will be under government pressure to buy the Airbus

which is regarded as vital to the future of the European aircraft industry.

But the Government made it clear that it was not prepared to earmark such a large amount unless firm commitments had been received.

Airbus is relying heavily on orders from Swissair and Lufthansa, the West German airline, to give the aircraft the boost which is needed.

But those have not been forthcoming because both airlines have been worried, as was British Caledonian, that the Airbus is little different in size from the existing DC 10-30 and that it will be at least 18 months later than the rival MD 11 in taking to the skies.

All Nippon is the first Japanese airline to purchase the European aircraft.

A spokesman confirmed yesterday that All Nippon could order another 10 Airbus at a later date, bringing the total contract to more than \$1 billion, including spare parts.

McDonnell Douglas yesterday signed its second order for its aircraft when the Japanese company, Mitsui, decided to buy five of the three-engined jets for leasing to airlines in the Far East.

The order means that McDonnell Douglas is close to

the 20 firm order figure it had set itself as a target before deciding to go ahead with the project.

A formal decision to begin building the jets is expected around Christmas.

Airbus is confident that it will secure the necessary orders to enable the project to get off the ground, especially if it can offer a bigger version than was first suggested to the world's airlines.

It is hoping that many European airlines will be under intense pressure from their governments to buy the Airbus rather than the MD 11 because of the implications for employment.

But if the Airbus is to be a genuine rival, both to McDonnell Douglas and to Boeing, it will need enormous amounts of government funding in the early stages.

The British Government is still hesitating. Further talks will be held early in the new year, by which time more detailed studies of the bigger version will be available.

Airbus Industrie is made up of BAe, Aerospatiale of France, MBB of West Germany and Casa of Spain. BAe makes the Airbus wings at a plant at Filton, Bristol, and at other smaller bases, employing about 9,000 people.



Mr Powell (left), man at the centre of the new race controversy, and Dr David, the lecturer who claims he has been victimized, at the college yesterday (Photographs: Tim Bishop).

Brent race inquiry into new teacher

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Brent Council, in north London, was yesterday at the centre of another dispute over allegations of racism in the borough's education system.

Dr Ellis David, an Anglo-Indian lecturer in mathematics at the Willesden College of Technology, complained that the head of the science department, Mr Gwyn Powell, had discriminated against him by denying him promotion.

Brent council said it had investigated the matter at the request of the college's governors and found that, prima facie, there was a case to answer.

It is also understood that the council has ordered Dr David to be paid an immediate salary increase of £2,500, backdated to three years.

The education committee will be asked to set up a disciplinary sub-committee, as it did in the case of Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the headteacher of Sudbury Infants School.

Mr Powell, who strenuously denies the racism charge, has

been told by the chief executive of Brent council, Mr Charles Wood, that the consequences could be serious and might lead to his dismissal.

On the other hand, Mr Ron Anderson, the chairman of the education committee, said: "This is nothing to get excited about... it's a run-of-the-mill dispute between two members of staff."

The dispute goes back more than 10 years. Mr Powell began monitoring Dr David's performance in 1975 and says that the record shows there have been constant complaints from students about his time-keeping and teaching.

Mr Powell has therefore refused to grant Dr David a certificate saying that he performs satisfactorily, which means that he cannot be promoted.

Dr David refused to go into detail about his allegations against Mr Powell, saying only: "I have been treated very badly here for a very long time."

Decisions not based on facts

By David Sapsted

The left-dominated board of governors at Willesden College has voted to allow Brent council to investigate allegations of racism against the head without hearing either the facts or knowing the names of the individuals involved.

Mr Roy Innes, vice-chairman of the governors, admitted yesterday that no details of the case were known when the board met to discuss it last week.

"We heard from the director of law and administration at Brent council and he urged that the matter be handed over to the education department," he said.

"It was not simply a question of racism but also of pay and promotion," Mr Innes, nominated as a governor by Brent Trades Council, said.

The only Conservative appointed to the 35-member board of governors, Mr Alan Kemp, said last night that the Court of Appeal decision allowing the council to hold its own hearing on the case of Miss Maureen McGoldrick had proved the decisive factor.

"The left are just proving they can do what they want in Brent, just as they have in Liverpool," he said.

"The principal and head of department agreed for 10 years that this man (Dr David) did not deserve promotion, and that should have been the end of it."

End secret inquests, demand by editors

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Newspaper editors have called on the Home Office to make coroners publicize proceedings in advance of the hearing because, they claim, some inquests are being held "unlawfully in secret".

Where inquests are held in public, over-reliance on written evidence has been used "as a device to conceal facts from the press and public", the Guild of British Newspaper Editors says in a submission to the Home Office.

In one case a reporter from *The Cornish Times* was refused admission to an inquest involving a young man, believed to have committed suicide after he had been interviewed in connection with a hit and run case.

The editor of the newspaper complained that it had not been notified of the inquest until a few minutes after it started and when a reporter tried to attend he was refused entry to the hearing.

The Devon and Cornwall police later issued a memorandum to all staff emphasizing that when acting as coroners' officers, it was their duty to inform the media of the date of inquests.

In another case cited to the Home Office, the editor of the *Windsor Express* complained that a coroner in East Berkshire held an inquest in private. He asked the relatives in for an "informal discussion" and then held the inquest.

A Home Office working party recommended in 1976 that the press should not have a special position under the Coroners' Rules.

But it recognized it was more difficult to find out about inquests than other court hearings and urged guidance to be given to coroners encouraging them to ensure the press was informed.

The editors' guild says that guidance was not being followed in all parts of the country and "the only solution would be for there to be a statutory requirement on coroners to make the press and public aware of the proceedings in advance".

The guild also calls for the rules to be amended so that coroners are obliged to see that all relevant documentary evidence is read out in full.

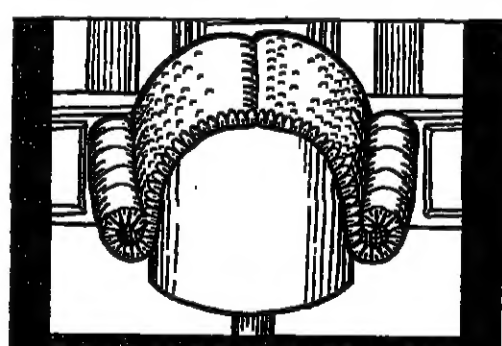
"There have been occasions when it was not possible to report properly an inquest because of the lack of sufficient information, failure on the part of the coroner to read sufficient of the documentary evidence, or, in some cases, a general lack of co-operation on the part of the coroner," the guild says.

Berkshire favourite for controller job

Mr Peter Brokenshire, the director of management practice at the Audit Commission, is emerging as favourite to take over as controller from Mr John Banham, who will leave in March to become director general of the Confederation of British Industry (Our Political Reporter writes).

The commission has hired a head-hunting agency, but members are understood to be keen to appoint an internal candidate.

A special selection committee will draw up a shortlist of about five before Christmas.



IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD, GET THE TIMES

Tests continue on family found dead

Tests continued yesterday on the bodies of a woman and her two daughters who were found dead at their home in Sanderstead, near Croydon, on Saturday night.

Scotland Yard said that Mr Priyavardan Patel, aged 34, who found the bodies of Mrs Sudha Patel, his wife, who was in her twenties, and Sejal, aged four, and Kajal, aged two, their daughters, had been released "unconditionally" after questioning.

The children were reported to have been strangled and one possibility is that they were killed by the mother before she killed herself. It is understood that Mrs Patel was suffering from depression.

Private Eye special issue banned

By David Cross

The magazine *Private Eye*, still smarting from the damages imposed after Mr Robert Maxwell's costly libel suit, suffered a new blow yesterday when the country's two largest news wholesalers decided not to distribute Christmas edition designed expressly to replenish its coffers.

To add insult to material injury, WH Smith and John Menzies said they intended to distribute up to 600,000 copies of a spoof edition of the magazine, called *Not Private Eye*, to be published tomorrow by Mr Maxwell's Mirror Group Newspapers, called a book on the trial called, *Malice in Wonderland*, to be published next Monday.

Both companies said yes-

terday that their distribution of the Christmas fund-raising edition, which features a three-page article on the trial, had been barred on the advice of their lawyers.

"It was made perfectly clear to us that if we handled this edition it was liable to lead to litigation," Mr David Mackay, wholesale managing director of John Menzies, said.

It is understood that the main objection of the lawyers was that the account of the trial was biased in favour of *Private Eye*.

About 95 per cent of the article deals with evidence submitted by supporters of the irreverent fortnightly magazine.

Mr David Cash, managing

director of Pressdram Ltd, which publishes the magazine, said that the ban on distribution would cost the company about £5,000 in sales and up to £50,000 in extra revenue.

Another six smaller wholesalers, with sales of about 20,000 in the South-east had followed suit, he added.

The special issue, sales of which were expected to total at least 240,000 copies, costs £1 compared with a normal cover price of 45p.

The case cost *Private Eye* a total of about £255,000 in libel damages and legal costs.

"I am very disappointed that the two companies are not handling the magazine as their retail outlets are a very important part of the sales network," Mr Cash said.

Driver hurt in print convoy ambush

By Tim Jones

A convoy of lorries travelling towards the News International plant at Wapping, east London, was yesterday ambushed by men hiding near a bridge parapet on the A2 near Gravesend, Kent.

The 10-vehicle convoy was hit by large lumps of flintstone, one of which smashed through a windscreen. The driver was hurt by broken glass.

The attack came only days after Mr Wyn Jones, London's assistant police commissioner, gave a warning that somebody would soon be killed unless there was an end to violent behaviour on the picket lines and elsewhere.

The police disclosed that more than 1,300 people have been arrested and 394 officers injured as a result of violence

during the dispute, which started in January.

The police said of the latest ambush: "This attack was extremely dangerous with potentially lethal consequences."

Since the dispute began, police have collected a substantial arsenal of weapons from former employees of the company and their supporters who have often attempted to halt production by laying siege to the plant.

Weapons have included cartridges, broken bottles, nails welded together, catapults with ball-bearing ammunition, golf balls painted black so they could not be seen at night, crowbars, iron spikes and boards with six inch nails driven into them to immobilize lorries leaving the premises.

In addition, scores of people have been arrested for ob-

struction, drunken behaviour, abuse and other public order offences.

Away from the plant, individuals have been subject to a wide range of intimidatory tactics, ranging from death threats to having unwanted builders' skips delivered at their homes. Some print union supporters have made determined efforts to discover where individuals go for lunch so that they can be followed.

In one of the most serious incidents, Mr Christopher Warman, property correspondent of *The Times*, was hit in the face with a beer glass. His attacker, Robin Skirfield, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for unlawful wounding.

During some of the demonstrations outside the plant, the print union members have been supported by extreme left wing organ-

izations including the Socialist Workers Party, the anarchist Class War movement and by Militant Tendency.

Print union leaders have dissociated themselves from acts of violence since the dispute began when 5,140 former employees went on strike and were dismissed.

Last week, Michael Hicks, aged 49, an executive member of the print union Sogat '82, was jailed for four months for violence outside the Wapping plant. He was described by the judge at Southwark Crown Court, south London, as "a disgrace" after being convicted of smashing a megaphone into a policeman's face.

Two men appeared at Thames Magistrates Court in London yesterday charged with reckless behaviour likely to endanger life. They were bailed until December 22.

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Child accuses doctor of raping her as she slept

By Michael Horsnell

A girl aged nine, with butterfly clips in her hair, whispered to a jury yesterday about the night she said she was raped by a doctor while she slept at his home.

The fair-haired girl, whose mother had left her in the doctor's care while she stayed in hospital to look after her epileptic son, in August last year, sat beside the judge as she gave evidence at Chelmsford Crown Court.

In a scarcely audible voice she said: "I was doing something he shouldn't have been doing. I was scared of what was happening. I was half asleep and half awake. He did something which was wrong, which hurt me."

The next day, counsel for the prosecution alleged, the doctor showed the girl, then aged eight, a gun and threatened to shoot her to discourage her from talking.

When the mother confronted him, he allegedly replied: "She is probably being raped at this very moment. Eight or 18 she knew what it was all about and deserved what she got."

The mother has brought a private prosecution, paid for by *The Sun* newspaper, after a decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions not to institute proceedings.

The doctor, an anaesthetist from Essex, denies raping the girl, between August 10 and 17 last year, and indecently assaulting her.

Judge Greenwood removed his wig and told counsel to remove theirs before inviting the girl to give evidence sitting beside him.

The defendant was told to leave the dock and sit at the back of the court as she did so.

The girl, dressed in a cotton dress told the judge that she understood the importance of telling the truth before she gave evidence.

Questioned by Ms Patricia May, junior counsel for the prosecution, she declined to use two dolls to indicate to the jury what had happened to her.

Instead she wrote on a piece of paper, when asked what had happened, the words "he raped me".

She told the court that she had not screamed or called the doctor's wife because she was frightened she would be smacked for making a fuss about it.

Questioned by Mr Anthony Arlidge, for the defence, she said that she had learned the word rape from her mother.

Mr John Matthews, QC, for the prosecution, said the doctor came into the room as she

slept, sat on her bed and removed the duvet before having sexual intercourse.

He left her with a torn hymen and psychological damage which resulted in a change in her character.

The girl had stayed with the doctor and his wife in February 1985, and when she went there again, in August, she was supposed to stay for only two days before moving on to her grandparents' home.

Her mother, who has two other children and was divorced in January 1985, regularly telephoned from the hospital, in Oxford, but when she rang the child's grandparents on the third night, she discovered she had not arrived.

When she rang the doctor's home, she was unable to speak to her daughter. The doctor told her that she was asleep and unavailable.

She telephoned her boyfriend who picked her up from the hospital and then collected the girl from the doctor's house the next day.

Mr Matthews said: "The change in the child was noticed almost immediately. She was very quiet, she did not want to talk about her few days away, unusually for her, and she followed her mother about the house and did not want to be alone."

"There was something else which struck her mother's attention. When they got home she put all her clothes including her nightdress in the washing machine which she had never done before and tried to start it, but it did not start."

The mother removed the clothes and noticed they were soiled with blood and a white stain which she took to be phlegm. Though it crossed her mind it was semen, she was angry with herself to think such a thing and put the clothes back in the washing machine thus destroying what could have been important evidence.

At a holiday camp in Kent with her mother, the boyfriend and her two brothers, the girl continued to behave strangely and was "almost like a different child," withdrawn and tearful. She refused to wear dresses or skirts and returned the then cleaned nightdress to her suitcase after unpacking.

She had temper tantrums, refused to allow her grandfather near her or to bath with her brothers and suffered nightmares. Eventually her behaviour led her mother to take her to the family's GP.

The case continues today.

Jailed mother's case goes to appeal

Margaret Livesey, a mother of three serving a life sentence for the murder of her son aged 14, asked the Court of Appeal to free her yesterday.

She was convicted at Preston Crown Court in 1979 after confessing to police, although she later claimed Alan was killed while she was with friends at a public house near by.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Simon Brown, have been asked by the Home Office to examine the evidence on which she was convicted. It comes after an investigation by the BBC *Rough Justice* programme.

The court was told by Mr John Rowe, QC, for Livesey, that inconsistencies in the evidence which the programme had highlighted in 1983 made her conviction "unsafe and unsatisfactory".

A neighbour found Alan's stabbed body at the family home in The Crescent, Bamber Bridge, Preston, in February 1979.

Livesey, aged 50, disputes the time put on the death by police. She also challenges the evidence of witnesses and her own confession and claims she was denied the opportunity at her trial to challenge certain evidence.

The hearing continues today.

'Patients barred' claim Dentists accused over Aids

By Craig Seton

Some dentists are refusing to treat patients suspected of being at risk of catching acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids), it was claimed yesterday.

The West Midlands Regional Health Authority, in a report on the disease, said hospital dental departments were having to deal with increasing numbers of patients because of the "reluctance" of dental practitioners to treat them.

It claimed that appeared to be because such patients were

"perceived as carrying a risk of human immunodeficiency virus infection," which caused Aids.

The report, which urged the creation of an Aids task force for the West Midlands, did not specify which high risk groups were being turned away by dental practitioners.

However, the claim was doubted by Mr Norman Webb, assistant secretary of the British Dental Association.

He said: "There is no evidence of any patient or

dentist catching Aids as a result of dentistry and, although it might have been true six months ago, I am not aware of any dentists refusing to treat patients for that reason."

He said that the profession had held a working party on Aids and issued guidelines, recommending dentists to treat all patients as suspected carriers and wear gloves, goggles and face masks.

Of the 548 Aids cases in England and Wales, an estimated 12 have occurred in the West Midlands.

Candlelit lunch date in a cell

A gourmet who expected a gastronomic treat when a friend invited him for lunch ended up in a police cell.

Mr Bob Jackson's crime was to fall victim to a practical joke by his host, Mr Keith Charlton, a regional director of Wimpey Construction. Mr Charlton, of Oakley, Bedfordshire, paid £50 in a charity auction for lunch for three at his local police station, the money going to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Yesterday Mr Charlton, Mrs Rosemary Charlton, his wife, and Mr Jackson, were waited upon by Mr Bill Gray, an assistant chief constable.

Three in £4,000 share-out

Three readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Bruce Dehn, aged 78, a solicitor, of Surbiton, Surrey, has played Portfolio Gold regularly since it started.

"I am quite delighted to have won," he said. "I shall drink an awful lot of Bollinger champagne, put some of the winnings aside for my only grandchild, and use the rest for my retirement."

Miss Karen Ades, aged 43, a film distributor, of north-west London, said she was "very happy" to have won a Portfolio Gold share.

"I checked the numbers three times and wondered how many other winners there would be," she said.

Miss Ades said that she would spend her winnings on Christmas celebrations. "And if there is any money left over, I'll go on holiday next year."

The other winner is Mr William Akers, aged 84, a retired engineer, of Farnham, Surrey.

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Mr Bruce Dehn, celebrating with champagne.

Man accused of murders is remanded

A man charged with the murder of three young women and four counts of rape was remanded in custody for 24 hours yesterday.

The former railway carpenter aged 28 was handcuffed to a police officer when he appeared in the dock at Guildford, Surrey.

He was accused of murdering Miss Marty Tamboezer, Miss Alison Day and Mrs Anne Lock, and further charged with the rape of four teenage girls over a two-year period.

Miss Wendy Magency, counsel for the prosecution, asked for the remand in custody, "in order that certain other inquiries could be conducted".

She said: "At the end of that period he will be brought back before this court and again I anticipate a further application for remand in police custody at that stage."

The man did not say anything and nodded in reply to his name.

Miss Barbara Hopkin, counsel for defence, did not oppose the application. "I will reserve any opposition until tomorrow," she said.

Corrupt power chief attempted suicide

A former power station chief who has admitted corruption said to have cost the Central Electricity Generating Board £250,000, almost killed himself, a court heard yesterday.

Mr Franz Muller, QC, for the defence, told Teesside Crown Court that Mr Kenneth Atkinson made an attempt on his life during the summer but was deterred by his second wife Frances, who is among 11 other people with him in the dock.

Mr Muller said Atkinson had lost everything, and would inevitably lose the company of his wife, who he married in 1984, and their two young children "for a very considerable time".

Atkinson, aged 54, of The Highlands, Brompton, North Yorkshire, was suspended from his job as maintenance superintendent and third in command at North Ties Power Station in 1982.

He has pleaded guilty to 28 charges of conspiracy, corruption and theft.

His wife Frances, aged 39, who was stores supervisor at the power station during that period, has admitted two charges of theft and one of conspiracy.

One of the other 11 people

in the dock is Atkinson's former boss, friend and private business associate, Geoffrey Varley, aged 62, a former plant manager, of Leven Road, Yarm, Cleveland. He has pleaded guilty to four charges of corruption.

Another businessman who has admitted to corruption charges is Thomas Kidd, a retired former director of R W & T E Kidd, of Portobello, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, one of the contracting firms which carried out work at the plant.

Kidd, aged 61, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and six charges of corruption.

When Judge Stroyan asked Mr Roger Thorne, defending Kidd, how many cash payments his client had made to Atkinson, he replied there had been seven separate occasions when he had given him £300.

Mr Thorne said without those "favours" work would not have been provided at the plant, and R W & T E Kidd depended on the Central Generating Board work for its viability.

He emphasized that there was no suggestion the company had complied with the corrupt activities.

The case continues today.

Crisis in NHS pharmacies

By Jill Sherman

Hospital pharmacies throughout Britain are having to cut services because of a critical shortage of pharmacy staff.

The shortages have forced some hospitals to cut back on inpatient services and to stop issuing drug prescriptions to outpatients. Safety checks on drugs prescribed on hospital wards have also been cancelled.

One hospital has estimated that its annual drugs bill will increase by at least £40,000 because of the extra costs of prescribing through a local pharmacist, who charges a dispensing fee and is unable to get cheap hospital bulk purchasing rates.

Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, clo-

sed its outpatient pharmacy service last April. In spite of repeated advertisements for more staff, the pharmacy has a 40 per cent job vacancy rate.

"Pharmacy staff are opting for the higher rates in the private sector. A basic grade NHS pharmacist earns about £8,000. Down the road, at the high street chemist, he can earn between £12,000 and £14,000 with a car thrown in," Mr Ronald Pace, the hospital's principal pharmacist, said.

Other hospitals which have faced serious difficulties over the past few months include: The Victoria Hospital, Blackpool; Ipswich Hospital; Saint Cross Hospital, Rugby, Warwickshire; and St George's Hospital, Tooting, and St James' Hospital, Balmah, both in south London.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain said yesterday that the pharmacist shortage was due to poor salaries and a lack of a career structure.

The problem had been exacerbated by impending regulations to restrict the number of chemists given dispensing rights. "The Government has been sitting on the new regulations for more than a year. The result is a huge mushrooming of chemists, an extra 400, getting in before the clampdown, and they have attracted more hospital pharmacists," the society said.

Family practitioner committees yesterday criticized plans by Charing Cross Hospital, west London, to stop issuing drug prescriptions to outpatients.



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Bill's changes essential for schools, says Baker

TEACHERS' PAY

There must be a resolution of the problems of the schools on terms promising an early return to the past standards of commitment and professionalism among all teachers, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said when he moved the second reading of the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill. The Bill incorporated changes essential to the effective delivery of school education in the months and years ahead.

The education of children was critical to the future economic and social wellbeing of the nation and equally important to the personal development of the individual. It instilled wonder and curiosity about the natural world, fostered appreciation of great literature, poetry, drama, art and music.

It developed a personal sense of values in things moral and ethical and prepared young people for life in an increasingly complex world where adaptability, co-operation and communication were vital for personal fulfilment and the progress of society.

Children had been badly affected by recent years of discord over teachers' pay and the matching failure to deliver uninterrupted education of the right quality.

The disruption and its impact on children had been very damaging. It had been unjustifiable and avoidable, had there been a general willingness to move forward on any reasonable basis.

"The Government has watched all this with increasing concern," Mr Baker said.

Labour MPs: And done nothing about it. Mr Baker said that he had been conscious of his responsibility to the education of children and to secure the effective execution by local authorities, under his control and direction, of the national policy for providing a varied and comprehensive education service in every area. That was the language of the 1944 Education Act which spoke of the Government's duty, not of its powers.

"This Government accepts that duty, without qualification. Today I seek the support of the House for changes which are essential to the effective delivery of school education in the months and years ahead" (Conservative cheers).

The terms of resolution must be fair to teachers and to whom would have had grave misgivings about the events of the past few years, but they must also be fair to parents, taxpayers and ratepayers who financed the schools. They would accept a generous settlement in return for an improved education service.

"They will not understand special treatment for teachers' pay on any other terms. Nor is the Government willing to give that."

The first clause of the Bill repeated the Act under which the Burnham committees operated. Clearly those friendless committees had to be replaced. New arrangements had to be introduced to deal with pay and the job for which the pay was given.

Outlining the recent history of the situation, he said that a considerable gain from the Academies discussions in recent months had been the emerging definition of teachers' duties and working time at the direction of the head teacher, but the draft package also had great weaknesses.

Incentives were minimal and the least experienced teachers received the biggest increases. They must have proper differentials to reward good classroom teaching and professional responsibility, to pay for scarce skills and to give school management enough flexibility to attract good teachers to posts in difficult

schools, perhaps in the inner cities.

The structure which the employers and some of the unions would now seem to favour would have a cost well beyond the amount he had announced on October 30, a very generous sum of £18 million this year and £490 million next. The excess of the Academies deal would be £85 million over those two years alone. That represented a quarter of annual expenditure on school books and equipment or would roughly provide 100 new primary schools.

His door remained open to discuss the position with other parties and he hoped that an improved and affordable package could be arrived at quite soon.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education: We might have been able to get agreement if, at every stage, he had not tried to undermine it.

Mr Baker: Providing an extra £600 million, and an extra £2.4 billion over a four-year period and an extra £3.4 billion over a five-year period could not be described as undermining. They are the necessary sums which should have led to agreement.

Any change in the position must be in within the amount he had set out. It was substantial money and was entirely reasonable when one considered the heavy demands on the public purse.

Support for the Academies was down to two unions and the position could not have been more inaccurately described by the National Union of Teachers in the advertisement in national newspapers today, except that they had spelt his name correctly.

The employers and unions were divided. The long, dreary history of the negotiations and the attempts to disrupt children's education meant that he could not stand by and trust that all would come out right in the end, and that peace would have returned to schools, as so often happened in recent so-called agreements.

"Employer-union bargaining - and that is effectively what we have been watching at work recently - has failed our schools. The Government is not willing to rely exclusively on that process."

The Bill proposed an interim advisory committee and powers for him to act on their advice. It would not extend to further education where there had been no major disruption.

Many working parents who would not see an increase of pay of 25 per cent this year or next were fed up when so-called professional people walked out on school, leaving their children to go home to be looked after by aunties and grandmothers.

"The Government must act to ensure that the kind of negotiating bawling which we have all so clearly seen in the past two years is brought to a swift end" (Conservative cheers).

If an accommodation with all parties could be achieved within the financial framework already announced, providing a proper career structure for all teachers, he would be delighted to lay the necessary order giving effect to that agreement, but the House must be in no doubt of the Government's determination to act to close "this sorry business".

Mr Giles Radice, Opposition spokesman on education and science, said that although the opposition favoured reform of Burnham machinery, they strongly opposed legislation which removed bargaining rights.

Having read the Bill, he found his worst fears confirmed. This so-called Teachers Pay and Conditions Bill gave the Secretary of State new and sweeping powers to impose a settlement.

Equally disturbing, it removed the ability of local authorities and teachers' organizations to negotiate about teachers' pay and conditions.



Sir Anthony Meyer (left): Too many retirement homes being built. Mr Roy Hughes: Let locals decide the issues. Mr Mark Robinson: Issues considered fully and fairly.

Delay on finances inevitable

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said during the exchanges after the Prime Minister's statement on the EEC summit that it was inevitable that the looming budgetary crisis had been avoided until after a general election. Was there any sign that the Federal Republic of Germany was prepared to act on CAP surpluses?

Mrs Thatcher said that Britain had ratified the Single European Act and the rest had already done so or would do so by the end of the year when the 1.4 per cent value-added tax would be in the treaty and could be changed only by agreement of all governments and parliaments.

"We are all prepared to tackle surpluses but it is one thing to say that but another to decide the method without stopping people buying this year's crop. The two things might be tackled at the same time - not producing surpluses while having a programme to reduce them."

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C) sought assurance that Mr Thatcher would not agree to a supplementary budget in 1987. Every single reform measure in the CAP had brought only more subsidies and more production.

The only way to resolve the cash crisis and save British agriculture from inevitable disaster would be to seek repatriation of agriculture policy from the Community to the member states.

How could the heads of government square the statement on terrorism with the directive being drafted by the Commission to remove controls on freedom of movement of weapons across Community boundaries, already determined by majority vote in the Single European Act?

Mrs Thatcher repeated that the 1.4 per cent VAT was enshrined in the treaty. It could be changed only as she had described.

On repatriation, one would have to watch the effects on the budget. "We would need to look at that carefully before giving a yes or a no to that point."

On terrorism and weapons control, nothing would prevent Britain acquiring control of her own powers. The Prime Minister said later that unless the amount spent on agriculture could be cut it would be difficult to agree a larger budget for research and development.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, L) said that it was difficult not to be cynical when one heard about Britain taking the initiative in job creation.

On the social fund, the impact it could make on training would inevitably be limited unless there were more own resources or a reduction in agricultural spending, or both.

Mrs Thatcher replied that she did not particularly want to have more resources for the Community. "I shall strain against any increase in the 1.4 per cent."

Thatcher avoids giving EEC budget assurance

The Prime Minister avoided giving any assurance that there would be a supplementary EEC budget next year, though pressed to do so from both sides of the House.

Being questioned after making a statement on the London EEC summit, she said that the Government would "strain against" such a supplementary budget, though she admitted that the Community could be running out of money towards the end of next year.

In her statement, Mrs Thatcher said that there had been two major themes of the summit, or European Council business and jobs, and safeguarding the open society.

Need for concerted action to protect citizens

On the first, she said that inflation in the Community was expected to fall to 3 per cent in 1987, the lowest level for 20 years. The council endorsed an action programme for jobs which put emphasis on training. It would be carried forward by social affairs ministers at their meeting later this week.

Linked with the need to create the conditions for growth of jobs, the council looked at ways of encouraging small and medium businesses, one of the main sources of new jobs. The Community had agreed to more than £1 billion of loans for small businesses.

The council endorsed the principle of the Commission's proposal both to simplify value-added tax and to make it possible to lift the VAT threshold to about £25,000.

Completion of a large, single market in Europe had been an important priority of the British presidency. It was a goal which the Community's external policies pursued.

On the second theme, she said that there was the need for concerted action to protect citizens against terrorism, drugs, illegal immigration and abuse of asylum. Terrorism could strike anywhere, and it was vital that they acted together in their common defence, as they had done in the case of Syria.

"We therefore agreed on: a policy of no concessions under duress to terrorists or their sponsors; no solidarity between member states in their efforts to prevent terrorist crimes and to bring the guilty to justice."

"Free movement for bona fide travellers within the Community must go hand in hand with better controls at the Community's external frontiers."

On drugs, the heads of government endorsed a seven-point plan covering intensified co-operation between police and customs authorities; a decision that illicit drug traffickers should be liable to confiscation throughout the Community; changes of drugs liaison officers; and exchanges of information on the treatment of drug addiction and on patterns about the dangers of drug abuse.

EEC SUMMIT

The meeting asked the Commission to ensure Community-wide exchange of information on AIDS, and to consider what further co-operation in research might be taken against the spread of this dreadful disease.

The heads of government discussed East-West relations and arms control. There was wide support for the points which I agreed recently with President Reagan at Camp David. They issued a statement on the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, which was now nearing the end of its seventh year.

Foreign ministers had discussed the problems of the Middle East and the Iran-Iraq war and emphasized the importance of maintaining contact with the Gulf states.

"It has been a priority of the British presidency to make the Community work better for the benefit of individual citizens. This was a practical and successful council relevant to jobs, to our future prosperity within the Community and to the future safety of our citizens."

Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said that the Opposition welcomed and supported the initiative taken to co-ordinate policies to combat terrorism, the spread of AIDS and drug abuse and also welcomed the health education campaign.

Judgement on the co-ordination of visa policy must await a statement about the rules around which the policy was to be co-ordinated. Did the Prime Minister envisage that the basis would be the generally liberal and humane policies of this country's European partners or Britain's own racially discriminatory policies?

"Would she accept our congratulations on the support the summit's own communiqué, though not her statement, gave to the importance of dialogue between EEC ministers and trade unions within the Community and also the support given by the communiqué to the co-operative strategy for growth? The Prime Minister's attitude to both is well known. We are delighted that she was so candid and so candid on each issue."

The policies for reducing unemployment in the Community were a pathetic response to what even the Foreign Secretary called the main challenge facing the British presidency. They consisted of platitudes such as the expressed desire for lower interest rates.

British interest rates were now the highest in Europe and the highest in British history. When did Mrs Thatcher expect that particularly pious hope of the communiqué to be fulfilled where the Government was concerned?

How did she propose to deal with the £2 billion deficit that

the Community would face next spring?

Did she accept that a supplementary budget was now unavoidable since Europe was facing literal bankruptcy? Would she give the House her judgment on that point and say what possible advantage, apart from an attempt to save her own face, was gained from her refusal to act against the financial crisis now?

On the CAP, there had to be a major reform, a reduction in surpluses and a price policy in the interests of producers no less than of consumers. Was it not shameful that the pursuit of those objectives, all in the British interest, should have been sacrificed to help the German conservatives in their election campaign?

Why was there no mention of relations between Europe and the United States in the communiqué, why was that topic given so much prominence at the press conference which followed the summit and why did the Prime Minister deal with it in such detail today?

Was it because she no longer had "implicit faith" - her own words - in President Reagan's integrity, or did she remain an apologist for the deals done over Iran but could not persuade the other heads of state to be similarly sympathetic? Mrs Thatcher said that she noted Mr Hattersley's contempt for the other 11 heads of government in discussing the results of this conference and his contempt for them all on the CAP summit.

It was noted that the Community was a main component of the engine for growth. The

How will she deal with £2bn deficit?

Community had been optimistic about growth towards the end of this year and believed there were reasonable prospects next year.

Mr Hattersley had argued that nothing was really achieved on jobs. Amongst the number of practical elements contained in the communiqué was the completion of the internal market of which 32 internal measures had already been agreed or adopted since July - the most rapid rate of implementation in a single presidency.

"The completion of the internal market is going well. It enables us to set standards for British businesses and enables them better to sell in the Community. It includes positive help for small firms, customs regulatory bonds on small and medium firms and a programme for employment growth which has been set out in full."

With regard to the CAP, Mr Hattersley was well aware of the discussions on quotas and the steps being taken.

M Jacques Delors was completing his report in which he had to deal with the convergence of policies, Community financial matters and the reform of the CAP.

Housing appeals worry MPs

PLANNING

Concern was expressed by several MPs during Welsh questions in the Commons about the number of cases where planning permission had been refused by a local authority and then granted on appeal.

Sir Anthony Meyer (North West Clwyd, C) said that there was a growing tendency for planning inspectors to overturn decisions made by planning authorities and that was making it very difficult to limit the seemingly inexorable spread of retirement homes and the increase in speculative building.

Mr Brynmor John (Pontypriid, Lab) said that one case involved the Secretary of State's overturning the decision of a planning authority about an open-air market. That had led to a new lease of life for a market which had been closed for years because people felt that traffic, which was already heavy, would become chaotic when the market was working. The issue had not been considered carefully enough by the inspector at the appeal.

Dr John Marek (Wrexham, Lab) said that there was a general anxiety about the number of cases where planning permission was granted on appeal, against the wishes of the original planning authority. Ministers should look again at the general principles and instructions given to inspectors about the way they decided appeals.

Mr Keith Ruffan (Delyn, C) said that insufficient importance was attached to local structure plans, which represented the views of those living in a particular area, when appeals were decided.

Mr R. E. Hughes (Cardiff, C) said that the Secretary of State's guidelines had been responsible for vetoing an enforcement order on a scrapyard near a new leisure centre which could be relocated. The Welsh Office should assist the local council in its drive for tourism.

Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said that it was a statutory requirement on local planning authorities, the Secretary of State and his inspectors to consider each case on its merits.

He was confident that the inspectors considered the issues fairly and fully, though he could not comment on individual planning applications. There were no proposals to change the planning law at present.

● The number of public sector starts in council-house building in Wales was 77 per cent higher in 1985 than in 1984, Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions.

He was replying to Mr Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, L) who said that the level of council-house building in Wales was abysmally low. What sort of measures was he going to take to ensure that accommodation was made available for single people and young couples?

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C) asked how local authorities could be expected to build housing when the Government refused to give them the capital to do so. The Government's record was one to be ashamed of.

Mr Robinson said that he had just given local authorities a huge increase in housing expenditure.

More money for Wales

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, was urged by Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) during Commons questions to advise industrialists in the South-east to get on their bikes and go to the valleys of Wales.

Mr Edwards said that many industrialists had been doing just that. Wales had attracted about 20 per cent of all inward investment to the UK in the past three years.

Debate on Rosyth is refused

Mr Gordon Brown (Dundee, Lab) made an unsuccessful application for an emergency debate on the threat of loss of jobs at the Rosyth dockyard and the future of naval work there.

He said that on Friday the Ministry of Defence had announced the transfer of refitting work on the submarine HMS Conqueror from Rosyth, depriving them of vital work and threatening hundreds of jobs. Ministers had also announced that a private company was taking over the running of the dockyard.

Those announcements would impose new working conditions on about 6,000 civil servants, forcibly transferred to the private sector, and would threaten up to 1,300 jobs in an area of ever rising unemployment. There had been no consultation.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said, in refusing the application, that he hoped that Mr Brown would find other ways of raising the issue before the Christmas recess.

Parliament today
Commons (2.30): Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, second reading.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

A swift glance at reports of the London EEC summit might well induce a sense of weary familiarity. A low-key, moderately successful meeting is widely seen as the prelude to a stormy Community year in 1987, with the interlocking problems of the common agricultural policy and the budget at the centre of the battle.

Have we not, one might ask, been here so many times before? Yet in fact the Community has changed more than might be readily apparent with the enlargement of its membership.

Beneath the surface, yet always liable to affect what happens on the surface, there is a constant potential division between the north and the south. So the same problems reappear, but in rather different shapes.

This is most apparent in the arguments over the CAP. In the past the task of reforming the system has seemed to depend on persuading the French and German governments to risk the political unpopularity involved in squeezing their less efficient farmers.

Germans and the French unhappy

That is still a factor. With the German elections to be held next month, it had been appreciated that nothing much could be done about agriculture last weekend. Both the Germans and the French were unhappy about the section that had been prepared on the subject in the draft communiqué, so it was left out altogether.

But the south European members also had misgivings because the draft referred specifically to revising the regime for vegetable oils and fats, which are among their principal agricultural products.

It is their objections which seem likely to present the greatest obstacle next year. They are not opposed to reform of the CAP in principle. There is general agreement that something needs to be done about the ludicrous surpluses that have been building up.

But these have been essentially in the produce of the north Europeans, who are concerned that if the level of support is reduced for those items the same problem should not be allowed to re-emerge with Mediterranean agricultural products in a few years. So it is suggested that a brake should be imposed to prevent surpluses appearing in Mediterranean produce, an idea which has yet to find approval among the south Europeans.

Running parallel with this controversy there is another on reducing economic inequalities within the Community. The favoured means of doing this is by directing more resources from the regional and social funds to the less developed areas. Unless the south Europeans benefit in that way they are likely to be unenthusiastic about other reforms.

South Europeans the most nervous

It would be too simplistic to portray all the north Europeans as eager to develop the internal market, with the elimination of the remaining barriers to trade within the Community, and all the south Europeans as dragging their feet. Most of the highly developed member states are selective free traders, each wanting to preserve some special interest.

But in general it is the south Europeans who are most nervous about the ability of their industries to compete. Their anxieties are likely to grow if they are not compensated by receiving more money from the regional and social funds. Yet these can hardly be expanded unless the CAP is reformed.

All of this adds a new complexity to the already complicated pattern of Community politics. There has always been some conflict of interest between the north and south, the rich and poor members. With enlargement the number of the south and the poor has been increased.

Those interests do not always coincide any more than do those of the richer northern members. No generalization about the Community ever holds good all of the time. But the prospects for the EEC's emerging from the Year of Peril in 1987 will depend a good deal upon the capacity of north and south to strike bargains that take account of each other's concerns.

Embryo research

Tory MP wants early Bill

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

A Conservative MP is launching a new attempt to ban the use of human embryos in scientific research.

The decision of Mr Alistair Burt, MP for Bury North and parliamentary private secretary to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to introduce the Embryo Children (Protection) Bill will revive the parliamentary controversy on an issue on which there are strong divisions in all parties.

Mr Enoch Powell's Bill on the protection of embryos received a big Commons majority for its second reading early last year, but ultimately failed through the blocking tactics of opponents and the lack of government enthusiasm for it.

Last month the Government promised legislation in the next Parliament on the Warnock report. Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Health, promised a free vote on the issue.

But Mr Burt, who drew fourth place in the ballot for private members' legisla-



Mr Burt: Question should be resolved before election.

tion, said the question should be resolved before the general election. Because he is so low on the list Mr Burt's Bill would have no chance of success without government support, and yesterday that appeared unlikely to be forthcoming.

But the introduction of the measure, with the possibility of another Commons debate, will mean that the Government will face pressure to spell out in more detail its plans for legislation in the next Par-

liament, and to say whether it will back a ban on research.

Mr Burt said yesterday that the Commons had clearly demonstrated that it wanted to see something on the statute book now to stop the practice. "I believe very strongly that this must be settled before the election rather than having vague promises made of what might be done afterwards."

"We will do everything in our power to persuade the Government of the rightness of our course of action and that it is highly undesirable in every way to defer legislation."

Mr Burt said another reason for introducing the Bill was to counter the lies told about the results of outlawing the use of the human embryo for experiments.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children yesterday praised Mr Burt's courage and tenacity in reintroducing the Bill.

It added: "Until such time as Parliament enacts legislation on this subject, we still feel the Government has no acceptable alternative but to implement forthwith a moratorium upon all embryo experiments."

Disquiet on clergy expenses

A protest that low paid clergy-men had to meet some of the expenses of their job from their own pockets was made in the Commons by Mr Peter Bruniavels (Leicester East, C) and a member of the Church of England General Synod, Sir William van Straubenzee, Second Church Estates Commissioner, agreed that they had to meet 16 per cent of expenses fairly incurred and that that was too high.

He had said earlier that the Church Commissioners did not have information about the number of clergy in receipt of Family Income Supplement because it was a private matter between the individual and the DSS.

Mr Bruniavels: The Commissioners should look at expenses. A lot of these are no longer met in full by the Church Commissioners. The clergy have an onerous task.

Sir William van Straubenzee: For assistant clergy, or curates, 16 per cent of expenses that they fairly incur have not been reimbursed. That is too high.

One hesitates to interfere in very personal matters just because a man is an assistant curate, but greater emphasis has been placed on salaries of the lowest paid, who have had a 60 per cent increase in the past five years.

Charge for tours of House attacked

A Conservative MP's suggestion that a charge should be levied on visitors to the Palace of Westminster was greeted with immediate Labour protests and was described from the Opposition front bench later as ludicrous.

Mr Peter Bruniavels (Leicester East, C) asked whether the time had not come, in view of the increasing number of visitors, for a charge to be levied. Amid shouts of "No" from Labour MPs, he added: "The alternative, because this is a place of work, working during the day, is to reduce the number of tickets issued."

"We have to get on with our work and our constituents are finding it difficult to get in."

Mr John Biffen, leader of the House of Commons, said that such a suggestion would have to be considered by the Accounts and Administration Sub-committee of the Services Committee. It raised wide issues of principle.

Mr Michael Latham (Rutland and Melton, C): This is the British Parliament for people to go round. At present they have great difficulty in getting round, with the long queues. Could two sets of security-checking equipment be installed to halve the time people have to spend in queues waiting to see their MP? Mr Biffen said that the sub-committee was aware of that

and would have Mr Latham's point drawn to their attention. About 131,000 had been round last year in MP's constituencies, which was a considerable increase.

Mr Alun Williams, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, said that Mr Biffen should ignore the ludicrous suggestion of charging for visiting the Palace, but should seriously consider the point about the queues to be checked. Many MPs had people coming long distances who found it difficult to get there by 11.30, and then had often to wait in the rain because there was only one screening point.

Mr Biffen said that he did not dispute Mr Bruniavels's remarks but the committee could look at the matter again.

● The bottling plant which had for many years provided whisky for the House of Commons was being threatened with closure. Mr Thomas Clarke (Mooklands West, Lab) said when applying for an emergency debate on the subject.

He said that on Friday 430 people had been told they would lose their jobs as a consequence of the Guinness takeover of Distillers which included the James Buchanan bottling plant in his constituency.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) rejected his application for an emergency debate.

Killer who terrorized child during siege receives life sentence

Errol Walker, a self-confessed killer, was jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for murdering a mother and attempting to murder her daughter during a siege in west London last Christmas.

A jury rejected Walker's plea that he was suffering from diminished responsibility when he fatally stabbed Mrs Jackie Charles, aged 22, during the 29-hour siege.

Walker, aged 29, had admitted the manslaughter of Mrs Charles on the ground of diminished responsibility, but denied murdering her and attempting to murder her daughter Carlene, aged four.

He knifed the girl on three occasions, causing "sickening" injuries. They were "monstrous attacks", Mr Justice Allott told him.

Walker took the hostages when he went to Mrs Charles's flat in Poynters Court, Northolt, west London, to give Mrs Marlene Walker, his wife, and their daughter, Patricia, Christmas presents.

Mrs Walker and Patricia had moved there after a split with Walker, the court was told.

When Mrs Charles told him he could not see Patricia, also aged four, and that Mrs Walker had gone to call the police, Walker climbed into the flat.

Fifteen minutes later he stabbed Mrs Charles through the neck and hurled her body through the window. He demanded that the police should let his wife into the flat.

When his demands were

refused he turned on Carlene, threatening to cut, maim and kill her.

As Police Constable Rafi Landi pleaded with him to release Carlene he hacked her fingers down to the bone.

"Walker refused offers of bandages for her," PC Landi told the court.

At one point Walker dangled Carlene from a third-floor balcony by her vest. He also tied her up, smashed a police radio against her head and threatened to inflict gruesome, fatal wounds, the court was told. He knifed her in the arm.

Carlene was rescued and the siege ended when armed police stormed the flat using sledgehammers and stun grenades.

PC Anthony Long climbed through a window to see Walker holding Carlene above him with a knife at her neck.

PC Long shouted: "Drop it, you bastard!" When Walker did not, he shot him in the back of the head. Walker slumped, leaving the 10-inch knife sticking from the girl's neck.

As he was taken to an ambulance Walker allegedly told police: "Why didn't you finish me off? I really deserved to die."

Mr Justice Allott yesterday praised the police action.

"The intervention of armed police is happily still a rarity in this country," he said, then commended PC Long for his restraint and the "fortunate outcome".

The judge asked PC Landi to step forward in court and told him: "You are a young officer, a credit to the force".

Mr Christopher Barnett, for Walker, told the court his client felt deep and sincere remorse for what had happened.

In 1983 Walker received a five-year jail sentence after admitting his part in seven armed post office raids in London and gave evidence against other members of the gang.

Mr Barnett told the court: "As a former supergrass, his time in prison now will be particularly lonely and unpleasant".

Although he had recovered from an operation for the bullet wound in his head he was partially blind.

The court was told that Walker was born in Jamaica and came to Britain to join his parents when he was aged 10. His father frequently beat him with a hosepipe for minor misdemeanours.

Dr John Hamilton, medical director of Broadmoor Hospital, said that Walker was mentally handicapped.

Although Walker has two other children by different women, he married Mrs Walker in September 1982, while serving his earlier jail sentence.

He was devoted to their daughter Patricia, who is physically handicapped after an operation to amputate both legs.

Last night, police said that Carlene had physically recovered from her injuries although it was too early to assess any emotional damage.

She is living with her maternal grandparents.

Gas share rush aids Christmas post delay

If your Christmas cards are a little slow getting there this festive season - blame SAs.

That at least seems to be the message from the Post Office, which is facing the task of processing a record number of items, after the rush to apply for British Gas shares.

The Post Office yesterday revealed that it expects to process over the biggest yet mail run in its 350-year history, with more than 1,200 million seasonal items delivered by Christmas Eve.

With applications and replies for the record-breaking British Gas share sale adding to the enormous volume of mail, it is appealing to the public to post parcels and cards earlier than the recommended deadlines.

To some extent the message appears to have reached its target, because the Royal Mail has reported an earlier than normal start to the seasonal rush, with more than 60 million items of mail handled daily at the beginning of December.

Well-laid plans to cope with the annual onslaught have already been implemented and no big problems are anticipated, but the Post Office does not want to take any chances.

It said: "Some 10 months of preparation means that the Royal Mail is fully geared up to deal with the rush."

"But with so much extra mail around this Christmas, it would be a big help if cards get into the post well ahead of the latest recommended dates."

To cope with the onslaught, the Royal Mail has hired an extra 3,500 vehicles to add to its regular fleet of 28,000.

An extra 30,000 staff are to be hired to help full-time Post Office employees to deal with their most challenging time of year.

A series of discount stamp



Father Christmas, alias Barry McGuigan, the boxer, in London yesterday promoting the Post Office's "post early and beat the festive rush" message. He has just posted more than 300 cards to relatives and supporters around the world. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

offers introduced on December 2 have also contributed to the increase in Christmas mail, with the Post Office offering at least a penny off 300 million second-class stamps in a package that will cost it £3 million.

The Post Office also explains the rush by pointing to the increasing popularity of Christmas cards and the belief among many people that, by sending cards off early, they

stand a better chance of receiving them in return.

This clearly is the case with the annual tide of letters from youngsters around the nation addressed to Father Christmas, Reindeerland, c/o The Royal Mail, to all of which the Post Office endeavours to reply - provided they are sent early enough.

Recommended last posting

dates this year are December 17 for parcels and second class mail, and December 19 for first class mail.

Save the Children, which is among dozens of charities who earn a substantial slice of their annual income selling Christmas cards, has reported better than average sales this year and hopes to have sold up to 10 million cards by the end of the festive season.

Decision is delayed over social worker

Mrs Diane Dietmann, the social worker dismissed for gross misconduct over the handling of the Jasmine Beckford case, must wait until next month to find out if she will get her job back.

Mr Justice Hodgson told the High Court yesterday that he would take time to consider her claim that Brent social services had breached her contract of employment when they dismissed her last December.

He said that he would give his decision on January 12, or soon after, on whether to grant her an injunction reinstating her, or damages for wrongful dismissal.

Jasmine, aged four, died in July 1984 after being tortured and starved by her parents, who were both jailed. A report later criticized the council's social services department.

Trapped driver has both legs amputated

A mobile surgical team performed a life-saving roadside operation yesterday when they amputated both legs of a lorry driver trapped in the wreckage of his cab.

The unit, including two surgeons, an anaesthetist and a nurse, drove under police escort from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford to the A43 at Weston-on-the-Green, seven miles north of the city, after firemen were unable to free the man.

A police helicopter was used to ferry blood supplies to the scene of the accident, in which two lorries collided head-on.

In a separate incident, a woman driver was killed when her car was involved in a four-vehicle pile-up at Gore Hill, near Amersham, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.

Anarchist complaints rejected

The Press Council has rejected a complaint about reports in the *Daily Express* that claimed to expose a group of anarchists who were posing as an animal liberation group.

The council said it accepted the reporter's detailed description of what happened at meetings he attended.

Eileen MacDonald described her experiences after infiltrating one of the Animal Liberation Front's secret cells.

She said that the zealots planned to kidnap a member of the Royal Family, bomb the homes of scientists and doctors, burn down research laboratories and terrorize the homes of selected police officers.

Mr Robert Noding, of Brockley, south London, complained to the council that the articles contained serious inaccuracies which distorted his activities and those of South London Animal Movement.

He said his movement was not a secret cell. Its meetings were open to the public and were advertised. Allegations in the reports about topics discussed were untrue.

In a statement Miss MacDonald said that talk by members of the group convinced her they were dangerous.

Cool response to accident scheme

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society's free interview scheme for victims of accidents, to be launched nationally next May, is facing "antipathy" from the medical profession.

The society says that for a variety of reasons both doctors' surgeries and hospitals have been reluctant to display leaflets and promote the scheme although some have welcomed it.

Under the scheme, a free interview with a solicitor is offered to anyone who has had an accident, or whose immediate family has, no matter how it occurred.

The idea is to help accident victims, particularly "those among the less well-off sections of society who are perhaps ignorant about their rights and the legal remedies available to them", to claim compensation for injury where appropriate.

The Law Society, explaining its re-launch in the *Law Society Gazette*, says that the British Medical Association has suggested that it is up to individual areas and committees to decide whether they wish to participate in the scheme.

The society says: "The point remains that many people still do not know their rights."

"Many think that if they are

getting sickness benefit or injury benefit, this is the same as compensation."

"Many are still ignorant of the fact that a claim can be made if an accident was somebody else's fault, and that advice and help is readily available."

Experience in Manchester, where the scheme was launched in 1979, has shown that up to 70 per cent of accident victims who could claim compensation, do not.

It also showed that 80 per cent of those coming forward had been able to take further action.

The scheme has been run by some 30 of the 120 local law societies in England and Wales.

Under the re-launch from next May, it is hoped to extend the scheme to all areas not now covered.

It will coincide with the publication of the 1987 solicitors' regional directories, which will show which solicitors and their firms participate in the scheme.

Accident victims can find out about the scheme and where to go through citizens' advice bureaux, local libraries or through sending back the "tear-off" section of the leaflet publicizing the scheme.



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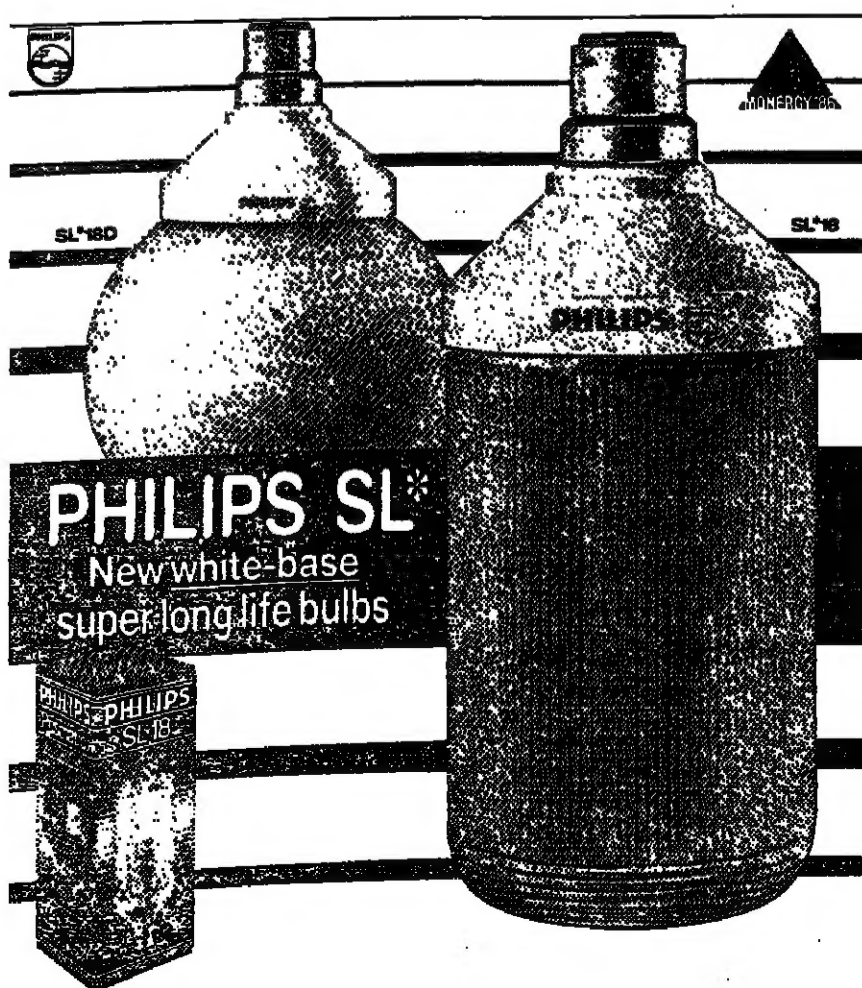
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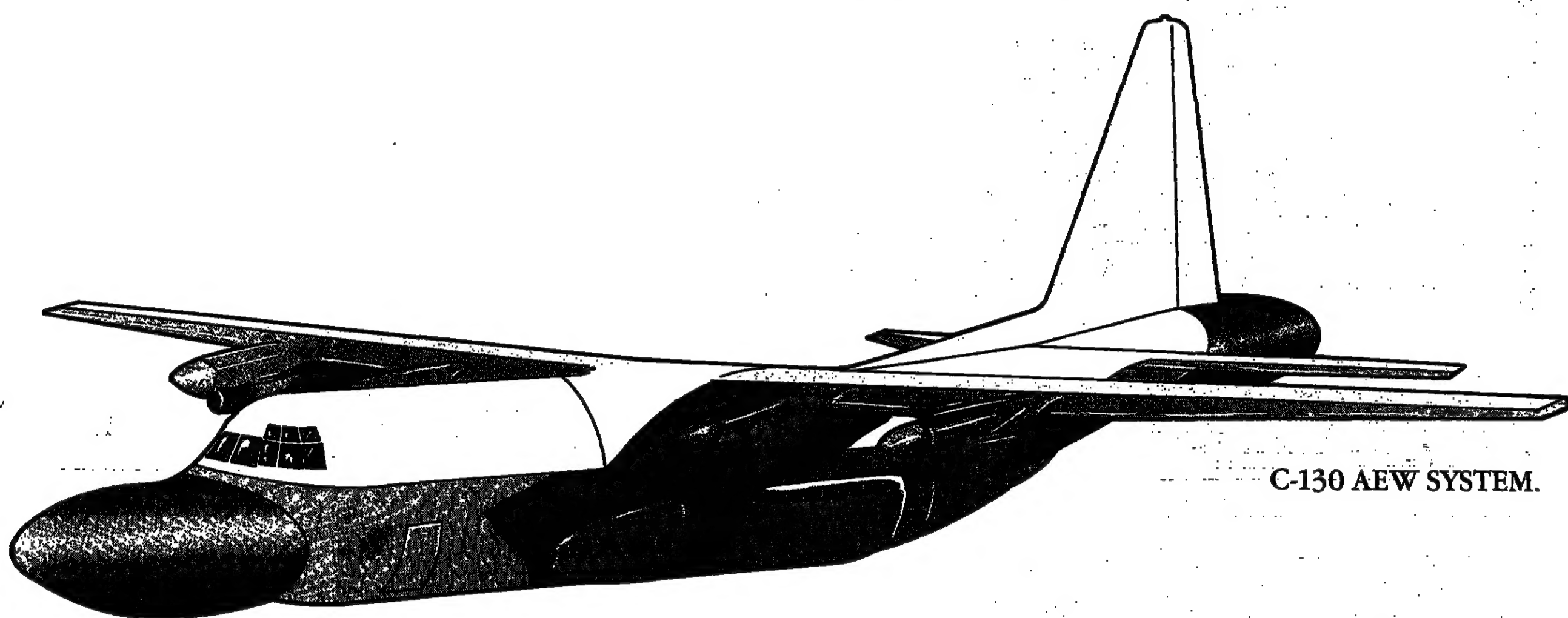
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Art boom: 2

Monet master down £200,000 as the market proves volatile

A misty view of Rouen Cathedral, only half visible in tones of grey and violet, painted by Monet in 1894, was sold by Sotheby's for £852,500 last week.

Christie's had sold it as recently as May 1984 in its New York rooms for the equivalent of £910,072. The purchaser must have made a loss of more than £200,000, taking commission and auction premium into account. He has also, presumably, had to insure it for the past two years and pay the cost of shipping it from the United States to London.

Sotheby's estimate on the picture before last week's sale was £1 million to £1.25 million. Several points are demonstrated by the result. Even when the market is enjoying a crazy boom, prices can go down as well as up.

The idea that auction prices reflect some kind of "true" value is spurious; it is easy to be carried away and pay too much, as must have been the case with the purchaser of this picture in 1984.

Pictures that have been recently on the market are not as popular with bidders as those that come from old collections; quick re-offerings often go down in price. That is one important way in which the art market differs from the stock market. Another is the regularity of sales.

The big sales are grouped three times a year, in autumn, spring and summer. There will be no way of telling whether this autumn's price levels can be sustained until next April.

Dealers will, of course, be doing business in the meantime but the boom is essentially an auction affair, sparked by the excitement of the social event. Many dealers complain that they cannot find buyers for middle range pictures at the prices now set by auctions.

The best pictures and rarities from every field of art are a law to themselves. Anyone can sell them anywhere. Museums and collectors appreciate that the supply of great art works is running out;

In the second of two articles Geraldine Norman, *Sale Room Correspondent*, shows that it is not all money-making in the world of high art: prices can go down.

once convinced that they are confronted by such a piece they begin to think in telephone numbers.

The £2.6 million recently paid for a Constable is a case in point, as is the \$3.2 million paid for an American Chippendale-style sofa and the \$1.32 million for an eight-inch neolithic goddess.

Will the spectacular boom be followed by a price collapse? Or will prices continue ever upward? In looking for the answer, one must think broadly of two markets.

Taking inflation into account, prices for middle range, repeatable art works have moved up and down in price over the years following the dictates of fashion and will probably continue to do so. Current price levels for second rate Impressionist and modern pictures, the focus of fashion, are unlikely to be sustained in real terms.

On the other hand, great rarities have recently escalated in price much faster than inflation, partly because buyers expect them to continue to do so.

Whereas, in the past, prices have generally fallen back again after a boom, a tremendous weight of money has come into the market over the past five years, facilitated by the art advisory services of such institutions as Citibank. It is possible that has changed the nature of the game, that the institutions now so heavily committed in the art field will support the market when it weakens.

Art, however, has no intrinsic value and financial values are only loosely linked with cultural significance. It is hard to believe that the current frenetic art market activity will continue indefinitely. *Continued*



Helping a passerby is part of the positive side of policing as seen by Joanne Davis and Hardip Ladhari Singh (right), who were out and about with PC Robert Barratt, in the Handsworth area of Birmingham (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Teenagers join the beat to fight bias

By Peter De Ioanno

An experiment which puts teenage children on the beat with their local bobby is being tried in Handsworth, Birmingham, the scene of violent rioting last year.

Police Constable Robert Barratt, a community patrol officer at Thornhill Road police station, is being shadowed by Joanne Davis, aged 15, and Hardip Ladhari Singh, aged

14, the first of 40 pupils from St John Wall School who will be attending the pavement "life classes".

Mr Peter Hack, the teacher who has organized the programme, said: "The pupils see that the job of the police is not what they see on television and in the media. We are building bridges by showing youngsters the positive side of police work."

They have had frequent opportunities to watch PC Barratt handle everyday matters such as a Rastafarian asking directions to an illegal radio station, an elderly Bengali complaining about local bus services, and giving advice on neighbourhood problems.

Only twice have pupils had to follow the instruction, agreed in advance, to leave the officer's side if a situation

appeared dangerous.

Sergeant Barry Beate, a permanent beat officer at Thornhill Road, described the teenagers as "very mature and refreshing".

He said: "The kids realize it's an extra responsibility but it helps to break down misunderstanding."

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River ban on lead weights

Anglers' lead weights, claimed to be the main cause of swan deaths, have been banned on Forestry Commission lakes and rivers.

Now Britain's four million anglers will have to use non-toxic substitutes.

Mr Roger Bradley, Forestry Commission, said: "The danger of lead in the environment is well known and we feel any effort to reduce the threat is worthwhile."

"But we do not wish anglers to interpret this as an attack on their sport. We recognize angling as an important recreation within the forests and have created and improved a number of fisheries."

A ban on the supply and sale of lead weights, though not their use, comes into effect on January 1.

Conservationists say that up to 5,000 mute swans die every year through ingesting lead weights but the claim is disputed by anglers.

Solicitor's committal date is set

Committal proceedings against Mr Ian Wood, aged 37, the solicitor facing two murder charges, are to begin on January 20. He was remanded in custody until Tuesday by Sheffield Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Mr Wood, of Bradford, Sheffield, is charged with murdering his French girlfriend, Miss Danielle Lloyd, aged 38, murdering her daughter Stephanie, aged three, and attempting to murder her son Christopher, aged six.

He is also charged with stealing nearly £85,000 from clients.

Crew rescued

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Liberals call for alternative forms of medical care

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Alternative forms of medical treatment such as osteopathy, homoeopathy, herbalism and acupuncture should be available on the National Health Service, a Liberal health pamphlet recommended yesterday.

Public demand for such unorthodox treatment appears to be increasing "and Liberals see this as to some extent a measure of the failure of the NHS to meet all needs".

The pamphlet adds: "The crucial question is whether the various 'alternative' treatments are successful. Some 'orthodox' treatments might not satisfy strict double-blind clinical trials, even though they are widely accepted as helpful to patients."

"Increasing incidence of side-effects from drugs must encourage a search for alternatives. Medicine must remain open-minded and receptive to new ideas (and old ones) whatever their source."

Provided such alternative treatments can be proved to be successful "they should be available for NHS patients subject to the same requirements of proof of safety as applies to traditional forms of treatment".

The pamphlet, drawn up by the Liberal Health Panel, calls for a "controlled partnership" between the NHS and

private medicine which recognizes the demand for private medicine but does not allow it to exploit the NHS or deprive it of resources.

"It is essential that there should be no subsidy from public funds, either directly or through tax subsidies to individuals or companies or other groupings."

Under the present Government the commercial health services have been allowed to "cream off" profitable activities, "leaving the NHS with an unbalanced caseload and organizational difficulties".

Mr Archie Kirkwood, the Liberals' health spokesman, said yesterday: "The availability of private health care cannot be denied. We must beware of the danger that such services may reduce the freedom of NHS patients to get good health care by pre-empting resources."

"The private sector must make a contribution to the training of staff, either via a training levy or by providing agreed levels of training themselves."

The pamphlet says that patients should be given more choice about a doctor. *Freedom in Sickness and in Health* (Liberal Party Publications, Birchcliffe Centre, Helder Bridge, West Yorkshire, £1).

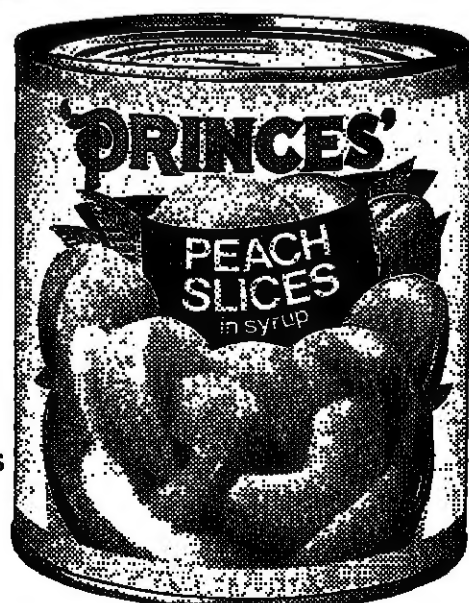
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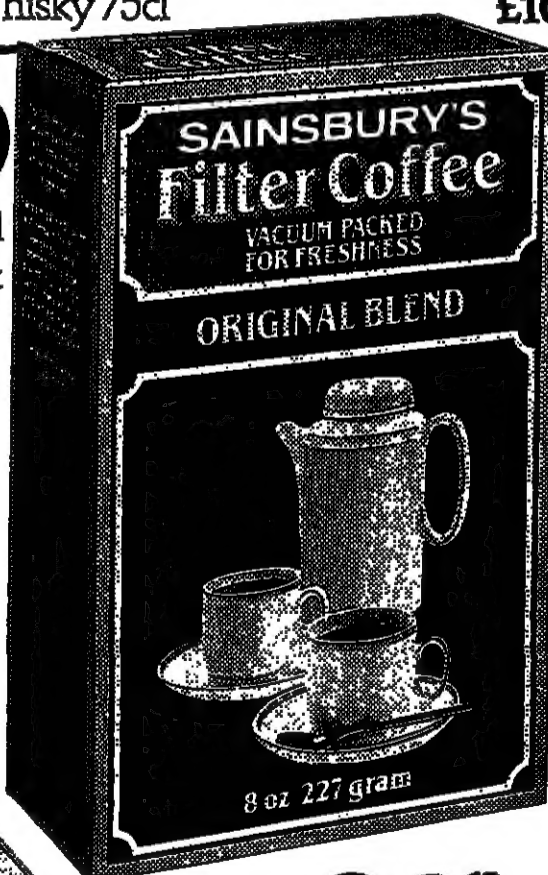
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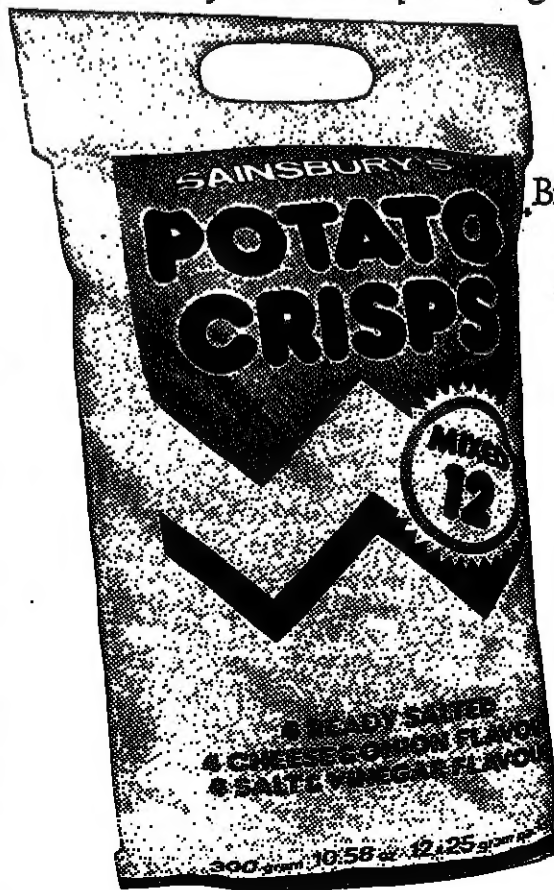
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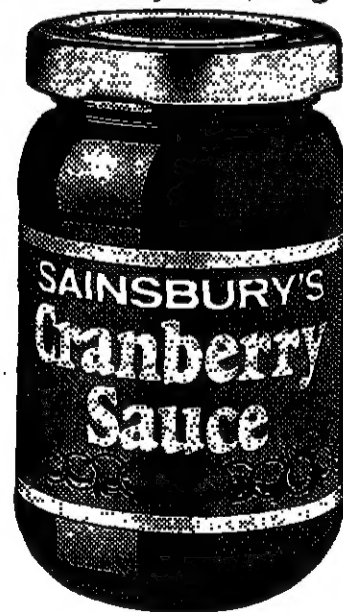
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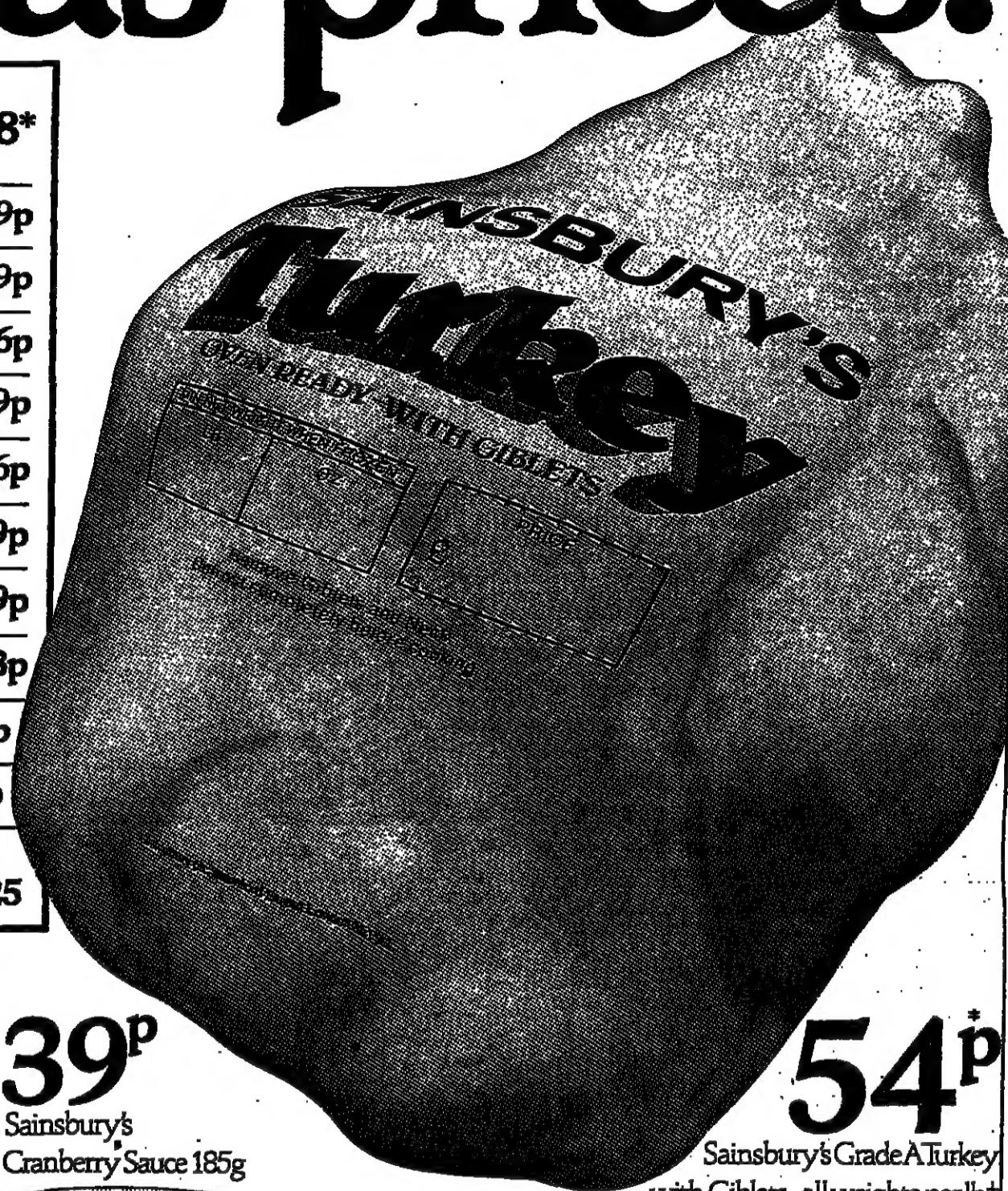
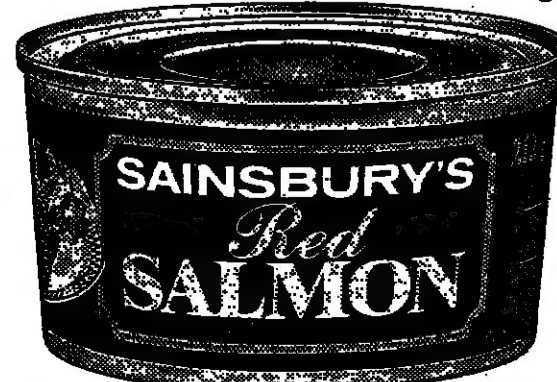
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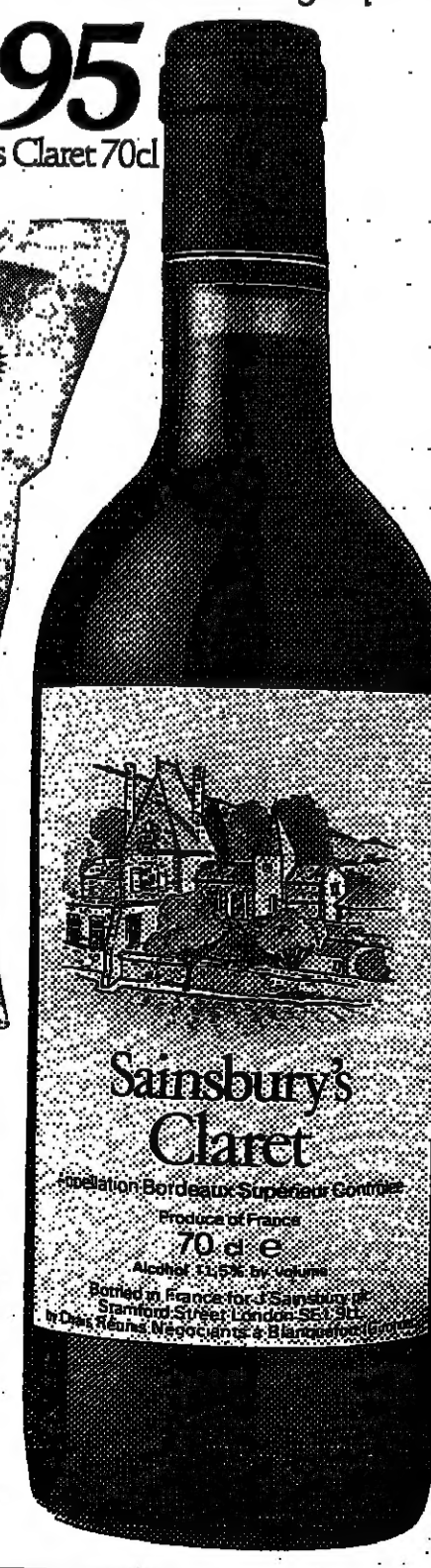


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Penguin protesters arrested in Hobart

An Israeli soldier firing in the air at Ramallah, north of Jerusalem, where demonstrators threw stones and set tyres alight in the worst West Bank rioting for some years.

Dry rations

Berne (Reuters) — The Swiss Government rejected an MP's proposal that soldiers should be given a twice-daily wine ration to help to reduce the country's growing wine surplus.

steadily decline. Doctors suggested that the only possible explanation was that more women were postponing having children, a decision that is known to increase the risk of breast cancer.

only six mourners permitted. The patrol is to stop demonstrations around the scruffy house, where little Hamad quickly learnt the defiant salute and war chant of a country which exists only in the imagination.

His father would have liked him to learn a profession, but since his brother was killed he has begun to sound like a *fedayin*.

Repeated efforts to secure visas to enable Britain to resume a diplomatic presence in Tehran have been ignored.

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TV film shows Paris police co-operating with armed right-wing youths

Question mark over violence by non-student demonstrators

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Who are the militant extremists who caused what was to be a peaceful student movement to degenerate into violence, looting, injury and death?

Extracts of a film of Saturday night's demonstrations show 20 helmeted youths, armed with iron bars, confronting a cordon of riot police barring their route to the main demonstration, which was still relatively peaceful.

A policeman asked if they wanted to go over to the other side, a member of the group said yes, and the policeman allowed them to pass.

The youths said: "Thank you. You know, we are not against you." The policeman said: "I know, I know."

The youths are later shown hurling stones and creating havoc in the Latin Quarter. One of them says: "We, on our side, are French; we are white; we've got balls and we're intelligent. On the other side, are the Communists. Anything on the left, we hit."

Another film shows a demonstrator wearing an anorak, his face hidden behind a yellow scarf, carrying a sack of paving stones. Student marshals try to eject him from the demonstration, but he returns and is seen at the heart of the clashes.

A television reporter asks why someone so easily distinguishable was not arrested. Other journalists who witnessed Saturday night's violence spoke of the passivity of the police who, for the first few hours, appeared to stand by doing nothing, allowing extremists to smash windows, loot, erect barricades, and burn cars. It was not until midnight that the police finally intervened.

A journalist said he saw helmeted youths coming out of the Paris City Hall on Saturday night, shortly before the violence. They were allowed through the police cordon

to join the demonstration. He asked: "Were these policemen in civilian dress with orders to search out the hoodlums, or were they agitators?"

The City Hall office of M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris as well as Prime Minister, has denied that any "helmeted individuals" came out of the building that night.

The police are worried about the bad image they are attracting, particularly after the death of the student who was beaten up by police officers on Friday night.

The Union of Police Commissioners and Senior Officers said that it was "inconceivable" that the police should have handed over to the streets to "professional agitators and uncontrollable elements."

Police, Government and students appear to agree on one thing: the "agitators" have nothing to do with the student movement.

The students talk of right-wing extremists, while M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, insists that they are "left-wing extremists and anarchists" whose aim was "the overthrow of the Government and its institutions."

The Communist-led CGT union has demanded an inquiry into the behaviour of "the small groups of agitators who are known to the police, who allowed them to act with impunity and then asked them to disappear."

An inquiry into the action of similar "uncontrolled elements" during a demonstration by CGT steel workers in Paris in 1979 had shown those agitators to have links with the police, M Henri Krasucki, the union's leader, said.

FRANKFURT: About 250 youths smashed windows of banks and shops in Frankfurt's city centre on Sunday in a demonstration of support for striking students in France (Reuters reports).



Students marching through Paris yesterday carrying posters calling for the resignation of M Jacques Chirac and the Interior and Education Ministers.

Intoxicated by a heady mix of optimism and 'victoire'

From Michael McCarthy, Paris

Lecture-theatre 34 at Jussieu, the Paris university campus, was packed so tight that when the excited student with the radio forced his way in through the crowd just after one o'clock yesterday what he was calling out took a second to sink in.

"Quoi?" shouted M Christophe Bosquillon, aged 21, a history student, who by virtue of his place on the campus strike committee was the man at the microphone.

The messenger repeated it. The plan had been withdrawn. The room erupted.

Such a truly heady moment, when young optimists who believe they can change things suddenly see they have done so, even to moving a government, is not often to be witnessed, and at Jussieu yesterday it was worth savouring; indeed, it was impossible to be there and not taste the sweetness of it.

They cheered to the rafters. They applauded like madmen. They stamped the floor, hummed the desks, shook hands with each other, burst out

laughing and shouted "Victoire! Victoire!" as other students ran across the campus to the site of the demonstration and lined the windows if they could not squeeze in, until there must have been close on 1,000 of them, smiling every one as if they'd won the *Loterie Nationale*.

Then they remembered M Malik Ousssekine, aged 22, the French student of Algerian origin who died as a result of a cardiac arrest after allegedly being beaten by police in

clashes last Friday. And joy or no joy, they fell to a minute's silence.

Forcing the Government of M Jacques Chirac to abandon its much-cherished university reform plan was indeed a famous victory for the students of France and it tasted all the sweeter for being so unexpected yesterday at Jussieu, which has been the main centre of their revolt.

All morning, sombre discussion in the bleak concrete squares and tower blocks which are the teaching plant for the 60,000 students, no less, of Paris Universities VI and VII.

The Government's concessions: not enough. The looting and car-burning in the Latin Quarter on Saturday night: caused by non-student agitators. The general strike call for Wednesday: it must not be taken over by the unions. The Chirac Government: tough. The struggle ahead: long. They held the assembly meeting to discuss tactics in lecture-theatre 34.

Pierre Abramowicz, one of the students: "We did it!"

Others were injured along with a dozen civilians, including two young girls.

Father D'Escoto said it was not known whether US or Honduran troops carried out the attacks, but "the No. 1 suspect is the US. Who, after all, is financing and directing the war against Nicaragua? It is not Honduras."

Over the last six weeks Sandinista troops have repeatedly made incursions into Honduras to attack the bases of an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 Contra rebels living there, according to well-informed sources.

These sources said that the Honduran Army, which until now had less than 200 men in the border area, permitted and even helped co-ordinate the Sandinista attacks because Honduras would like to push the Contras into Nicaragua.

insurgency is now probably doomed. They say the Iran arms connection to the Contras has shown how little private money the rebels have been able to muster. The affair has seriously eroded support in Congress and throughout the country for the Contras, raising questions about continuing funding beyond 1987.

The Contras have also been unable to dislodge Sandinista troops who have occupied a buffer zone inside Honduras for most of this year, and the Nicaraguans remain in firm control of the territory near the main rebel camp in south-central Honduras.

The incident comes as a growing number of Administration officials are gloomily predicting that the Nicaraguan

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Establishment 'turned blind eye' to Soviet penetration of secret services

Wright says Thatcher misled House on Hollis

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Mr Peter Wright, the enigmatic protagonist of the MI5 book trial, finally entered the witness box at the start of the hearing's fourth week yesterday to declare the two fundamental points of his credo: ● that Soviet penetration of the British Establishment continues; ● that successive national leaders, including Mrs Thatcher, have shut their eyes to it.

In an 80-minute address to the New South Wales Supreme Court, which he completed near to tears, Mr Wright claimed that the Prime Minister's statements to the Commons on Sir Anthony Blunt in 1979 and Sir Roger Hollis in 1981, contained "a lot of false material".

The sections of his statement purporting to support these allegations were deleted from open court proceedings at Whitehall's insistence and were not otherwise substantiated.

Instead, MI5's former specialist in counter-espionage told the court: "This is my own knowledge. It is not hearsay. I was closely associated with these cases."

Soviet penetration was so extensive that there was "no hope of MI5 catching all the spies", he added. The only way to combat it was to increase public awareness and to make the Government and the secret services more accountable.

Mr Wright's evidence took the form of a 32-page affidavit to which lawyers for the British Government made numerous

objections. After arbitration by Mr Justice Powell in chambers, about one-third of the evidence was deleted from the open court proceedings, to be considered in closed session.

In the course of his statement, Mr Wright testified about the history of his 30-year membership of "the service" and how his relationship with Lord Rothschild led him to provide Chapman Pincher with information for the book *Their Trade Is Treachery*.

Of his reasons for insisting on writing his own book, despite the attempts of Whitehall to suppress publication, he said: "The British Establishment has never accepted that it was, *en masse*, penetrated by the Russians."

"People mistakenly see the penetration problem as having been limited to a few colourful, often homosexual, Cambridge intellectuals. It went much further and deeper than that. It revealed a fundamental weakness in British society."

"In my life I have seen too many people in power turning a blind eye to this sort of thing. And now I see Mrs Thatcher misleading Parliament over Hollis and Blunt."

The consequences of Sir Roger "having been a spy" were enormous for Britain, where it meant that MI5 was "probably still staffed by people with similar views to him", and for Australia, where he had helped establish the equivalent organization, ASIO.

The secret services had long assumed that it was best for their work to be conducted with the minimum of public scrutiny, he said.

"When I was young I readily adopted this philosophy... I now think this entirely wrong. The work of protecting our society against subversion is too important to leave to the spies."

He said that, although when he sent Mrs Thatcher in 1984 his dossier on Soviet activity in Britain she described it as "cold war", the proposals he had suggested "would have caught a lot more spies". There was still time to take the same steps now, he added.

"I want to stress that my patriotism is undiminished. I worked for my country for more than 30 years and shouldered many heavy responsibilities..."

"(But) I believe that my greatest and most important work has been in exposing the way Britain's leaders have shut their eyes to the problem of Soviet penetration."

His voice breaking, Mr Wright concluded with a Latin quotation from Pope Gregory VII, which decorates the study of his home in Tasmania: "*Dilecti iustitiam et odi iniquitatem. Propterea morior in exilio*" ("I have loved justice and hated iniquity. Therefore I die in exile"). At this point the court was adjourned for the day.

Mr Wright's cross-examination is due to begin this morning.



The former British MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, arriving at the Supreme Court in Sydney to give evidence yesterday, accompanied by his counsel, Mr Malcolm Turnbull.

Spy book 'sought to reform MI5'

Sydney — Mr Wright said yesterday that, although he was paid £30,000 in royalties for assisting Chapman Pincher with *Their Trade Is Treachery* and an advance of £18,000 for his own book *Spycatcher*, his main concern throughout had been to secure changes within MI5 (Stephen Taylor writes).

"No amount of money would be worth the strain this case has put me under," he said. As an experienced intelligence officer, he could say that his book would compromise no operations, prejudice no sources and expose no secrets.

What it would do, however, was "greatly embarrass the Government and the Secret Service as well".

Mr Wright said his involvement with disclosures about MI5 had started with Mrs Thatcher's "gravely misleading" statement to the Com-

mons in 1979 on Sir Anthony Blunt's treachery.

In the belief that the Prime Minister was "a new broom prepared to shake out a few dusty cupboards" and that she had been misled by MI5, he said he started a dossier which he hoped to bring to her attention.

When in August, 1980, he was contacted by Lord Rothschild, an old friend who believed himself under suspicion as a spy and wanted assistance to clear his name, he saw an opportunity.

Lord Rothschild sent him a first-class return air ticket from Tasmania to London which he exchanged for two economy tickets, and he and his wife, Lois, flew to London, arriving in August 1980.

When he saw Lord Rothschild at his flat at St James's Place, Mr Wright said he agreed to provide a testimonial to counter the "fifth man"

rumours. At the same time he asked Lord Rothschild to read the dossier and show it to Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Wright said: "Victor (Rothschild) heard that it was pointless formally giving it to Mrs Thatcher, as she would be obliged to give it to MI5. He said to me, 'You know she was sitting on that couch only a few days ago. She does not understand intelligence.'"

Instead, Mr Wright said, Lord Rothschild arranged for him to meet Chapman Pincher, who might ghost-write a book disclosing his concerns.

"Rothschild said that Pincher's contacts were so good he could ensure the book was published without official interference," Mr Wright said.

"Rothschild said also that such a book by Pincher would probably prompt a parliamentary inquiry into the intelligence service."

In 1982 he was approached by Mr Paul Greengrass, the television producer now assisting the Wright legal team, and was asked to grant an interview to *World In Action*.

He declined, but a year later, after the arrest of Michael Betanczy, he agreed to be interviewed.

This interview, in which he made known publicly his suspicions about Sir Roger Hollis, provoked Whitehall's response that he would be prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act if he ever returned to Britain.

In writing his own book, he had taken great care not to disclose anything that might damage national security.

He said: "Breakdowns in trust in the service occur when there is treachery, not when loyal members of the service write about their work, as I have done."

Congress closes ranks as unrest plagues India

Gandhi's gentle touch heals party rift

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The gentle personal diplomacy of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, is producing a remarkable result: quite in contrast to the recent fratricidal outbursts among the Indian population at large.

While his ironic qualities were demonstrated yesterday with the effective healing of an old political schism in his Congress Party, his countrymen spent a weekend of communal mayhem.

Six deaths in the capital, Delhi, on Friday were blamed by a minister in Parliament on "non-secular politics".

Yesterday a tense calm returned to the city, and army patrols, who had been on the streets of west Delhi to keep warring Sikhs and Hindus apart, went back to their barracks.

In Bangalore, the capital of the southern state of Karnataka, where the South Asian summit meeting was recently

held among all-embracing declarations of peace and brotherhood, nine people were killed in the past 48 hours when police fired at crowds of Muslims on a rampage after a local newspaper published a short story which offended them.

On the other side of the country, in the north-eastern state of Tripura, tribal rebels, carrying on a brutal campaign against non-tribals, massacred 13 innocent civilians at a prayer meeting. The bloody action brought to 36 the number killed in Tripura in the past month.

Yesterday the ruling Communist-led government of the state held a 24-hour general strike to protest at the killings.

In neighbouring Assam, there was another general strike, also state-government supported, but this time to protest against the delays in implementing action against those Bengali immigrants

whose fellows have come to dominate politics in Tripura. The Assam state government came to power a year ago after a campaign against the migrants which ended with an accord with Mr Gandhi.

And in Bengal itself, one supporter of the Gorkhaland National Liberation Front died on Sunday and three supporters of the Communist Party were injured, as part of the continuing campaign in the hill district round Darjeeling for regional autonomy. An indefinite general strike there is paralysing the area, and police are facing attacks from both the agitators and government supporters.

Meanwhile, Mr Gandhi flew — as soon as the fog which closed Delhi airport yesterday morning lifted — to Amravati in Maharashtra where a mass rally celebrated the end of the separation of the Congress (S) from his Congress (I).

The Congress (S), which

has been led by a talented and able politician, Mr Sharad Pawar, was the last significant separate faction of the old Indian National Congress, which had been shattered by Mrs Indira Gandhi as she fought off the party bosses seeking to take advantage of her apparent incapacity.

All that remains separate now are fragments of fragments — those pieces which object to the new unity, and the disappointed hard around Mr Prakash Mukherjee, the former Finance Minister who was expelled this year by Mr Gandhi.

Mr Gandhi's successful diplomacy was also marked by the vocal support for the merger given by Dr Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, who is himself back in power thanks to the support for his National Conference by Congress following after his own treaty with the Prime Minister last month.

Ex-agent vouches for Rothschild

Sydney — Though he believes the British Establishment is still riddled with Soviet agents, Mr Peter Wright went out on his way yesterday to say he was "absolutely certain" that neither Lord Rothschild nor his wife had ever spied for Russia (Our Own Correspondent writes).

Lord Rothschild told Mr Wright in August, 1980, that he was being accused of being a Soviet spy. They had met in 1958 and, according to Mr Wright, became closely acquainted in the year that followed.

"Sir Dick White (former Director-General of MI5) was a close friend of Victor's, and it was he who suggested I should get to know

him. It was Hollis who introduced me to him. We had a common interest in science and intelligence matters and became close friends. Of their relationship during the events which led to his meeting with Chapman Pincher and their collaboration on his book, Mr Wright said: "Victor was always very secretive and it was not done to ask him questions. He loved intrigue and conspiracies and was always involved in secret deals and arrangements, especially with politicians."

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THE ARTS

A not-too-merry Christmas, Scrooge

Rather civil, this war

Power and passion, desire and destruction, rivalry and revenge — the "sweeping" pre-Civil War costume North and South (ITV) has already set new standards in alliteration. The polarity of the title says it all: in this immaculate dreamscape of fearsome dentistry and fearless cleavages, of frank stances and staunch friendships, black and white will always be chalk and cheese.

TELEVISION

But this first episode did contain one deeply quizzical incident. Hurting to the rescue of that well-known New Orleans belle Lesley-Anne Down in her overwrought Mills & Boon carriage, the intrepid Patrick Swayze escaped a deadly snake making straight for her cleavage.

Clark Gable would have stamped it into instant hell; Swayze tenderly fished it out and lobbed it back to its sunny Eden. Are we now witnessing the dawn of the ecologically aware bodice-ripper?

If everyone in *North and South* appeared to be having mad, though splendidly contained, the protagonists of *Troubled Minds* (BBC2) seemed dourly sane — not least the mental patients whose clothing was indistinguishable from that of their keepers. The overt difference lay in the area of self-confidence and social adequacy: the nice young couple of psychiatric nurses were able to drive themselves to work with no problems, while their charges faltered at the thought of an unaccompanied bus ride.

This edition of the *Nurses* series showed the modern policy of rehabilitation and community treatment. In one "social skills" training session, we saw a congenitally argumentative patient being drilled in the art of walking past bystanders (the nurses) without starting a flaming row.

In its level-headed way, it was all quietly encouraging. One would hate to think of anyone there chancing upon a copy of *Mr Loveridge's Little Overt* by Evelyn Waugh.

Martin Cropper

Anthony Dowell, Director of The Royal Ballet, tore the biceps tendon in his right arm during the first performance of Wayne Eagling's new ballet *Beauty and the Beast* last Tuesday.

The injury will take several weeks to heal and will prevent him dancing the role of the Beast at the performance on Thursday. His place will be taken by Principal Dancer, Jonathan Cope.

Unlike almost any other kind of business, the theatre deals in prototypes. There is never a series. Each production is a one-off and so is each season. Consequently, as the time of goodwill and good cheer approaches, all look nervously at the ghosts of our policies past and present to find a pattern for the future — knowing there is none. This year's prototypes cannot be next year's production models. Every plan will be a step in the dark.

Seasonally it is traditional to draw comfort from what worked, but Christmas would not be Christmas without Scrooge and Irving Wardle in his article (*The Times*, November 29) looked at the RSC's wassail cup and decided not only was it half-empty, but if he closed one eye he could make it look even emptier. The successful first season at the Swan was noted briefly and productions of which he approved passed over in brackets. Foreign tours, which overseas become the responsibility of others, were misleadingly juxtaposed with words like "crisis" and "no reserves". I wonder why?

He had all the facts. He asked for them. The largest season we have ever presented in Stratford, 90 per cent box office in the Royal

Shakespeare Theatre, 12 award nominations from SWET; already a Drama Award from the London Standard for *Les Liaisons dangereuses* — none of these held any interest for him.

Obviously, Mr Wardle is not part of the political campaign which has soured relations in recent months between the RSC and the National Theatre and *The Sunday Times*. He does, after all, know about the theatre. But it does take a considerable effort to see the RSC's cup as other than at least half-full. Sadly, this effort Mr Wardle is prepared to make. I wish just a little of that effort had gone into thinking what it is to open a new theatre in these difficult times, launch a new programme and draw a further 2,500 people a week into Stratford without detriment to the other houses. All of this we achieved.

In the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Scrooge sits dumpty and gloomily surveys the 400,000-plus audiences who presumably don't all agree with him. Were we to take his judgement literally then ritual suicide of the entire artistic administration would be the only proper spectacle. And maybe he is right — but at least the house would be full.

Figures of 90 per cent (and still rising) in a 1,500 seat auditorium

Terry Hands (right) defends his leadership of the Royal Shakespeare Company after attacks by the critics, including Irving Wardle on this page



over eight months are unequalled anywhere in the country.

He complains of "no clear sense of why these plays had been chosen". There are over 400,000 people who might answer "because we wanted to see them". The company's experiments in design have not turned them away and while it is invidious to single out individual performers (which is presumably why Mr Wardle did it) the audience does seem to have found "two lead actors to carry the great heroic roles" in Jeremy Irons and Jonathan Pryce.

Over and over again theatres which take the risk of putting on new plays reiterate that the support for living writers is both experiment for the present and invest-

excellence. And to play the first four years to an average box office of 88 per cent is virtually unpatriotic. "Dear heavens, it might, it just might be a success — let's pull it down". And Scrooges have not always waited for Christmas to say that. Consequently, it has always been a "no-win" situation in London. I have never known it otherwise.

They said: "The RSC should look after itself." So we did — with *Les Misérables*. Apparently that wasn't what they meant. "The RSC should put new writing into the Barbiere." So we did — *Poppo, Maydays, Red Noses* (all SWET award winners). No, apparently they didn't mean that kind of new writing. "The RSC is too safe. It should take more risks." So we did — in 1986 we introduced new work across the board particularly to introduce a different kind of European theatre with an intellectual rather than an emotional base. It was a high-risk venture — but then, had not we also been told that as a subsidized theatre we had a duty to practise "the right to fail"?

Well, we launched a season at about the same time as Reagan launched a bombing raid on Libya

and some Russian scientists decided to immobilize the safety controls on a reactor in Chernobyl and melt it down. I admit we were guilty of mistiming. It was, I confess, something we did not predict and although the theatre is of small importance on the world stage the effect on tourism and London box offices was catastrophic. Plans had to be improvised or abandoned and with the loss of two theatre-filling Shakespeareans, *Othello* and *As You Like It*, the RSC could be seen to stumble. And Scrooge and other ghouls have squeaked and jibbered in our theatre streets ever since.

While the general public must be finding it all very silly. Three failures out of 33 pieces of work. Of course we apologize — of course we will try to do better.

Next spring will see one of our strongest seasons in recent years re-people the Barbiere. Until then, like all theatres, we look at the constraints placed upon the Arts Council by the Treasury and settle for another grim winter. We gather friends for a last carouse before the chill sets in, even if the cup is not quite full. We try to draw comfort from what might have been and look constructively to what might be. Irving Wardle is notoriously a good friend of the theatre. Who need fear enemies?

Childlike charm for all the ages

GALLERIES

As Christmas is looming, it would seem appropriate to have a look at a number of — mostly small — exhibitions which are relatively cheering in effect, if not necessarily in themselves cheerful. In the present climate of artistic opinion that might be asking a bit too much.

But even so a few of them are actually jolly. *Sing a Song for Sixpence*, at the British Library within the British Museum until January 23, is an example. It surveys — through a lot of little exhibits and a slim but informative book of the same title (Cambridge University Press, £25 hardback, £9.95 paperback) by Brian Alderson — the role, hitherto unrecognized or underestimated, of Randolph Caldecott in the English picture-book tradition.

The subject is specifically the telling of stories in pictures with a few words and Alderson, while recognizing the role of the even more neglected Charles Bennett in the development of this genre, makes a good case for Caldecott's originality as virtual inventor of a form of children's book which has continued to flourish throughout the 100 years since his death (1986 is his centenary) with undiminished vigour.

The drawings of Bill Traylor (May 1901 to December 1937) were certainly not intended for children, though they would make a charming basis for a children's book.

Traylor was born a slave in



Adult and naïve: a Randolph Caldecott cover (left) from 1870 and Bill Traylor's humorous *Man with Hat and Pipe* (1939-42)

1854 on a Southern plantation, worked briefly in a factory and spent many years on welfare. He does not seem to have started drawing until he was in his early eighties, living on the streets.

From then on he spent most of his time producing his naïve pictures of men and animals, often in forms reminiscent of the folk-art weather vane he must have known during his childhood. He lived on, mostly sleeping rough, until the age of 93, choosing this way of life

despite increasing recognition in art circles. Some of his designs, rather astonishingly, are abstracts such as might have been influenced by Mondrian or Arp, though he knew of the existence of neither. But most are representational, with a pawky sense of humour and the grotesque which can win over even those like myself, who have an allergy to child-like and naïve art.

Edward Wolfe (Odette Gilbert Gallery until January 10) was no primitive, even though



Adult and naïve: a Randolph Caldecott cover (left) from 1870 and Bill Traylor's humorous *Man with Hat and Pipe* (1939-42)

Roger Fry, during his early days painting lampshades for the Omega Workshop, liked to refer to him as a "little African savage" (he came from South Africa).

He was in fact a man of many talents, coming to London in his teens with scholarships to a drama school and an art school, but he was thoroughly trained as a painter at the Slade, and much more international in his knowledge and artistic allegiances than most of his contemporaries.

The major influences on his painting were Matisse and Modigliani, with maybe a dash of the Mexican muralists after a two-year sojourn in Mexico in the Thirties. For an artist of his natural gifts and relentlessly evolving talents he has been shamefully neglected: it is amazing that neither the RA nor the Tate has seen fit to mark his death (in 1982, at the age of 85) in any way.

But this small show does help fill the gap with representative examples of most of

his genres, from landscape to abstract, and the portraits (of which we are promised a show at the National Portrait Gallery in the near future) do have that enviable quality of being paintings first and portraits, however psychologically acute, some way after.

Armand Rassenfossé (Piccadilly Gallery until January 16, with a Christmas break from December 24 to January 5) is probably best remembered as a specialist in the discreetly erotic. He was Belgian, and a friend and associate of Rops — with whom some of his earlier drawings might be confused, even though the element of wilful perversity is lacking.

Women painting or drawing women are the subject of the touring show *Ten Chilean Women Artists* (Holland Gallery, 129 Portland Road, W11, until December 14). They are an impressively varied group, ranging in style from the sophisticated naivety of Juana Lecaros to the elegant landscape-based abstraction of Carmen Piemonte.

I found particularly pleasing the obsessively intricate drawings of Eva Lefever — who concerns herself mostly with antique vanity and crones elaborately making themselves up before mirrors — and the strange depictions of women in furs by Isabel Aspillaga, who leaves one in pleasurable doubt as to which exactly are the predators: the original bearers of the furs or their present owners.

John Russell Taylor

Playing for the joy of it

CONCERT

Chilingirian Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

In the relaxing atmosphere of a Sunday afternoon at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, there are few works more welcome than Schubert's popular *Troubadour*.

Written during an idyllic holiday in the Austrian mountains, it is a piece which captures Schubert's lyricism at its most ebullient. Each of the movements shares its mood of outgoing joy, faithfully captured in this performance by members of the Chilingirian String Quartet and guests.

Strong accent in the opening pages sets the tone of their playing. Everything here was confidently projected. The textures were healthy and firm rather than elegant in a Viennese way, with the guest double-bass player, Thomas Martin, providing a solid foundation.

The other addition to the group was the pianist Clifford Benson. Though not perhaps a Brendel in sensing subtle shifts of mood in the music, he makes a well-practised partner for the group.

The distinction between solo passages and accompaniment was especially well-judged, showing that the players work together as a genuine ensemble.

If anything was missed, it was the fine sensitivity towards those passing key-changes — so beloved of this composer — that the more poetic of other performers manage to highlight.

Of the work's essential *bonhomie*, as in the humorous off-beat interruptions of cello and double bass in the scherzo, there was no doubt.

In the first half the Chilingirian String Quartet had completed their series of Haydn's Op. 76 Quartets with the fifth and sixth of the group: robust and vigorous accounts, even to the point of overplaying the gritty attack in the finales.

Richard Fairman

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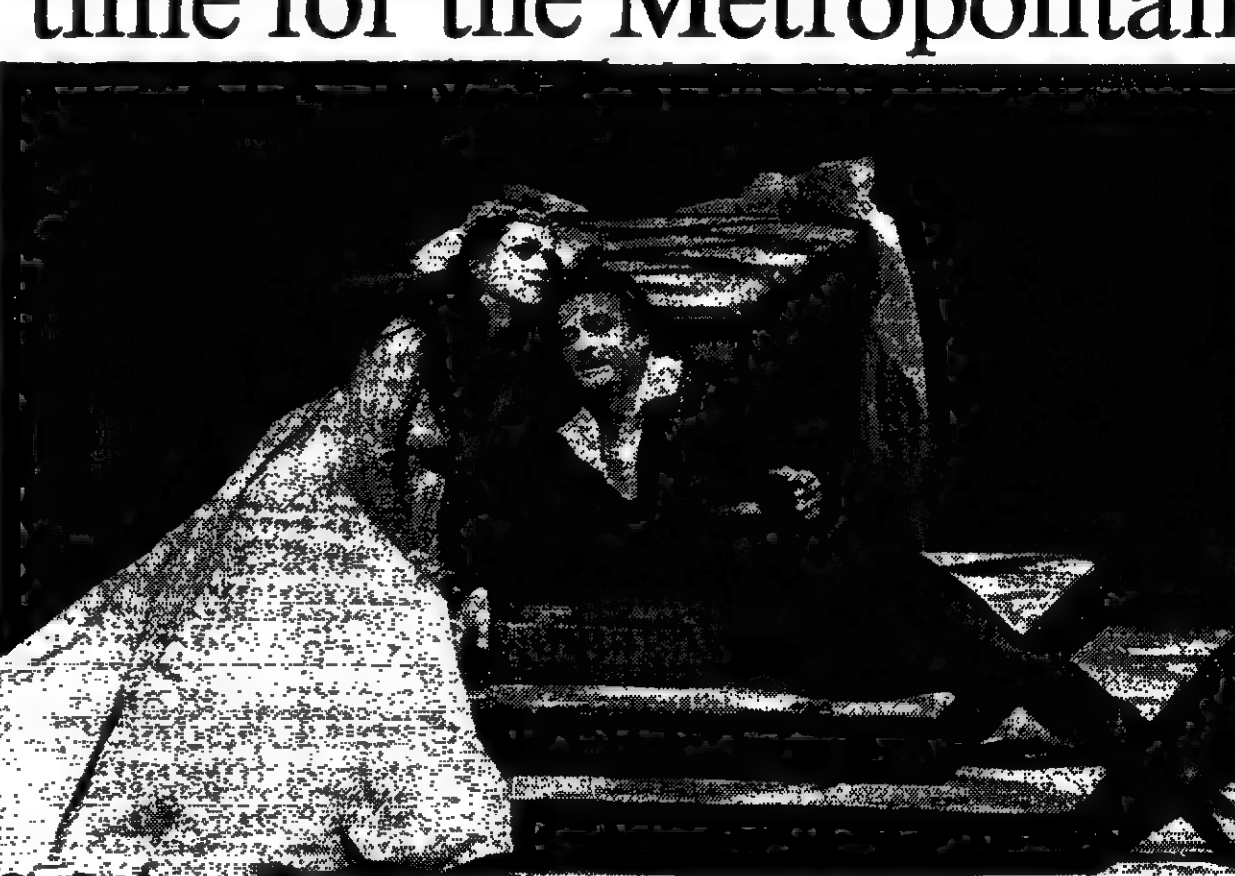
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New York's opera lovers are voting with their feet — walking into the Met to witness even those performances which have been given the critical thumbs down

Financially, the new Metropolitan Opera regime of general manager Bruce Crawford and music director James Levine has made an auspicious beginning. Attendance is much higher than in recent years, and at least once already the company sold out an entire week's seven performances for the first time in a decade.

Much of this, of course, stems from decisions made by others, years ago, but the new management team has been quick to draw lessons from this success that it can apply to the future. Apparently, the goals will be stronger casts on a night-to-night basis (partly through more efficient use of lead singers to "cover" other productions) and fewer and smaller repertory adventures. "We'll bring *Wozzeck* back," Crawford told the *New York Times*, "but not for 10 performances. When we do *Billy Budd* in 1988, it will be only for five."

Though hardly a critical success the new ultra-conservative production of *Wallace* — which opened the season — has fared well at the box office, and that bodes well for the continuation of the *Ring* over the next two seasons. Equally strong has been the final revival of the company's dreary *Aida*, largely owing to the presence in the title role of Aprile Millo, a home-grown artist lionized in some quarters



Newcomer, old hand: Cecilia Gasdia makes her Met debut as Juliette with the enduring Alfredo Kraus as Romeo

(oversold, one fears) as the next great Verdi soprano. According to present plans, she will head a starry cast in the new Franco Zeffirelli *Aida* scheduled to open the 1989 Met season. Most eagerly awaited of all was the return of Joan Sutherland — already reported on this page — in *Puritani*.

But perhaps the most apt symbol of the turn for the better is the omnipresence of Plácido Domingo, whose failure to appear last spring proved damaging, most notably in the new Peter Hall *Carmen*. He has sung *Cavaradossi*, which he originated in the Zeffirelli *Tosca* two seasons ago, conducted a revival of *Roméo et Juliette*, and is scheduled to sing Calaf

in the new Zeffirelli *Turandot* next spring. Most of the attention surrounding this year's *Tosca* has gone to Eva Marton, who, struck by an elbow in her second-act confrontation with Scarpi (Juan Pons) at the opening performance, suffered a briefly dislocated jaw, but gamely finished the performance. Heard the next week, she showed no ill-effects and sang effectively, though not surprisingly Domingo outshone her in sheer tonal beauty.

What was surprising was Domingo's expert conducting in *Roméo*, vibrant, involved and better sustained than in his *Bohème* of two seasons ago. Only an assured artist, of course, would venture *Roméo* with Domingo in the pit, and this the production had in Alfredo Kraus, who approaches this youthful role with such self-effacing commitment and exquisite taste that his age simply recedes into insignificance. It is as an added attraction, the Juliette, Cecilia Gasdia, was making her Met debut, preceded by much publicity. The voice has promise, to be sure, but as in a concert performance of *Rigoletto* that Riccardo Muti and the Philadelphia Orchestra brought to New York last season, she showed an unpleasant constriction at the top of her range and a sense of strain in coloratura passages. One hopes, as with Millo, that we are not claiming too

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Behind today's varsity match lies a sorry saga of decline in sport at Oxbridge.

David Miller finds out why

At Cambridge in the fifties you could sit down to a three-shillings-and-sixpence lunch at the week among a group of international performers in half a dozen sports: a brains trust of table talk for which, gathered in a television studio today, Mark McCormack would demand a five-figure fee.

They included household names in major and lesser sports — Mary, Barber and Dexter from cricket, Marquet, Mulligan and Arthur Smith from rugby, Marsh and Huddy (golf), Masser (rowing), Barrett and Warwick (tennis) Maitland and Cockett (hockey), Lyon and Broomfield (squash), Hildreth and Dumley (athletics).

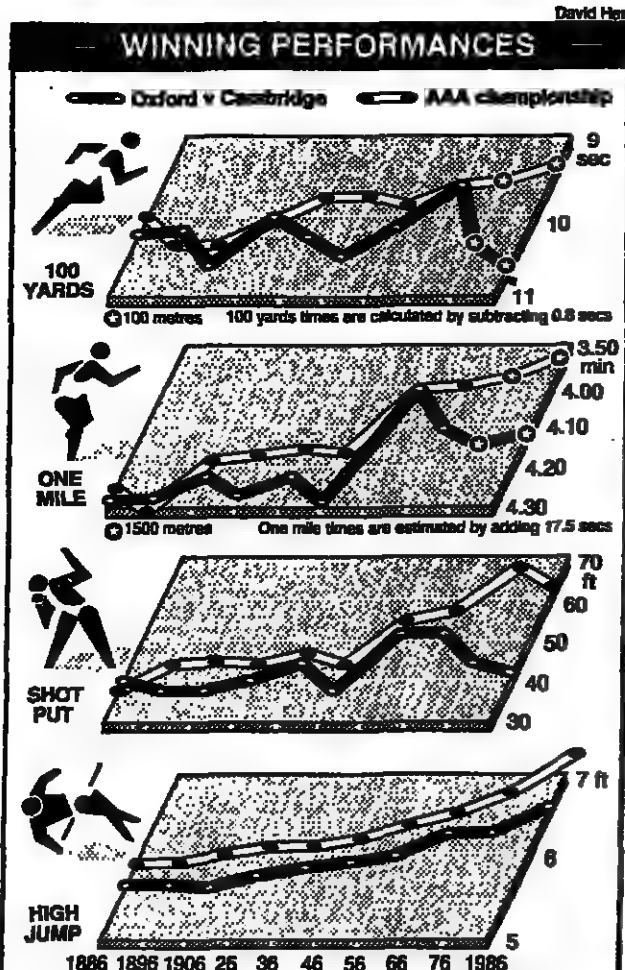
It was the same at Vincent's Club in Oxford in the era of Cowdrey, Davidge, Brace and Derek Johnson. Pegasus, the giant football club, produced 21 amateur internationals including several, such as Tanner, Parnson and Pinner, who played for league clubs.

Now, Oxbridge performance has declined relative to national standards, partly because overall national levels of ability have risen and partly because the structure of the student population has changed, with more women and less emphasis on sport.

Nowhere is the situation more critical than in cricket. The Test and County Cricket Board has recently warned Oxford and Cambridge that their first-class status may be at risk. In rugby, which during a century at Cambridge has produced 300 international players with some 1900 caps between them, Oxbridge now clings to its status by the increasing enlistment of post-graduates — which is also true of rowing at Boat Race level.

In today's varsity match at Twickenham, Oxford are relying on the scholarship schemes which attract international players with the academic qualifications to take further degree courses; soon Cambridge will be in the same position.

Although Cambridge could, from recent seasons, field an



England line of backs, the total of 84 caps by 10 players between 1974 and 1984 compares badly with the 291 caps of 32 players in the previous ten years. The future worries Dr Alan Taylor, rugby senior treasurer at Oxford, who says: "We could not hold our heads above water (in senior fixtures) if we relied on undergraduates."

Five factors produced the decline, sufficient for a group of ex-Cambridge industrialists to have refused to help raise money for a projected £8 million sports centre at Cambridge unless there is a change in admissions policy.

The factors are: the end of National Service meant younger and physically less mature undergraduates; a changed admissions policy put less emphasis on sport; increased training at outside clubs lured undergraduates away from Oxbridge and into the clubs; a proportional rise in women students cut the available pool of sportsmen; and the decline of school sport meant fewer university entrants with a sporting background.

The trend produces a dilemma not merely for Oxbridge sport but, as a minority of Dons now recognise, for the

fundamental attitude of the two universities towards their very function. Intellectual excellence must be the aim, but fewer than 20 per cent of undergraduates gain first-class degrees. The nationally available appointments for researchers and lecturers are diminishing: jobs must be found for the majority gaining second-class degrees.

Employers increasingly look for those with self-discipline, personality, gregariousness, and a sense of collective responsibility, as well as brains. Such characteristics are strongly evident in those with sporting achievement.

John Butterfield, distinguished physician, Master of Downing College and president of both rugby and cricket at Cambridge, says: "I believe sportsmen make good citizens. What we are looking for (at Oxbridge) is leaders. It is valuable to know, from sport, the experience of losing."

John Hopkins, Downing admissions tutor in Arts, says: "There are half a dozen colleges (out of 30) who want people with energy, whatever they are doing." And Dr Alan Taylor, St Catherine's, Oxford: "Below the level of distinguished scholars, what are our criteria? We want people who will benefit from the system,

and go on to do something." Colin Kolbert, barrister and tutor of Magdalene, Cambridge: "A poll would show that academic performance by Blues is above the university average. Those sent down have usually done nothing in any field. There are no unemployed Blues, but dozens of unemployed English firsts."

Charles Wendon, fellow of All Souls, Oxford, with 30 years experience in international university sport, and Christopher Taylor, barrister of Newnham, Cambridge, are emphatic: the maintenance of a high sporting profile is essential to Oxbridge public identification.

Many senior academics are indifferent, even hostile, to sport, resenting the lack of recognition they had as non-sporting students. Subconsciously, they are getting revenge? Wendon says: "Maybe the attitude of the past 20 years (among tutors) has turned the corner." Maybe not. Michael Risman, younger brother of Oxford's full back at Twickenham today, son of Bev, grandson of Gus, (both famous internationals) gained three As at A level; and Oxford rejected him. Cambridge, shrewdly, did not.



Oxford's Roger Bannister breaks four minutes for the mile; David Sheppard's 227 for Cambridge against the West Indies

Silver amid the blues

There are still a few sheels of excellence at Oxford and Cambridge, which have the advantages of traditional interest in activities like rowing and rugby, the convenience of superb facilities for outdoor team sports and the presence of students of the right age wanting to take exercise.

Dan Lyons, aged 28, an American freshman at Oriel College, Oxford, and world champion in the coxless fours, is startled by the interest and activity in rowing. "After this year's intake of 140 people at my college we were able to form ten men's and three women's eights. That is really neat."

"Rowing is very small in the United States except for the major colleges. It is not handled by the media. So it was a pleasant surprise to find the publicity over the boat race." Because many colleges have their own boat houses there is much more equipment available even than at a traditional American rowing university like Princeton, where there is just the boat house for the university.

Although American univer-



Mullin: feeling the benefit of convenient facilities

sities have professional coaches, Oxford have to rely on dedicated amateurs — "but the Oxford coaches like Dan Topolski are very good and they certainly give their all". The weight training rooms, Lyons says, are as well-equipped as in many American universities.

The Hilley Road sports centre, all-weather track and rugby field are also an attraction for Brendan Mullin, Oxford's centre at Twickenham today, who was his 9th Irish cap against Romania in November. Last summer, Mullin, aged 23, broke the 30-

year-old Irish 110 metres hurdles record. "The running track is alongside the rugby ground, so I can go out and do some sprinting during the winter."

Mullin is impressed by Oxford's facilities for athletics and rugby but stresses that the main reason he went to Oxford was to further his academic career.

Jim Hailton, the director of physical education at Oxford, says the sports centre has trouble catering for the wider range of activity. "When I first came in 1976 there were 24 university clubs, now there are 53."

Cambridge is hoping to build a smaller centre in the Grange Road area which will help Jon Ridgeon, the finest athlete to go up for 20 years. Ridgeon, the European junior 110 metres hurdles champion, won seven events in this term's freshmen's match. "It was quite a tough day as I trained in the morning." He has to go to London twice a week to train either inside or on an all-weather track.

John Goodbody

HALL OF FAME

These are some of the big names which graced Oxbridge sport in the fifties:

CRICKET: R W Barber (Cambridge), England batsman in 28 Tests, D B Carr (Oxford), England batsman, captain once, M C Cowdrey (Oxford), 114 Tests, captain in 27, J G Dowson (Cambridge), England batsman, five Tests, E R Dexter (Cambridge), England all-rounder, 62 Tests, captain in 30, P B H May (Cambridge), England batsman, 66 Tests, captain in 41, D R Sheppard (Cambridge), England batsman, 22 Tests, captain in two, M J K Smith (Oxford), England batsman, 50 Tests, captain in 25, R S Smead (Cambridge), England opening batsman, 13 Tests, J Warr (Cambridge), England opening bowler, two Tests, A R Lewis (Cambridge), England batsman, nine Tests, captain of England touring team, 1972-73.

ATHLETICS: Roger Bannister (Oxford), first sub-four minute miler, Nick Stacey (Oxford), Olympic 800 metre runner, Chris Brasher (Cambridge), 1956 Olympic steeplechase champion, Peter Hildreth (Cambridge), British 110 metres hurdles international, Chris Chataway (Oxford), former world 5,000 metres record holder, Barclay Palmer (Oxford), British record holder for the shot, Ian Boyd (Oxford), 1956 Olympic 1,500 metres finalist, Harry Whittle (Cambridge), 1952 Olympic 400 metres hurdles finalist, Derek Johnson (Oxford), 1956 Olympic 800 metres silver medal winner, John Young (Oxford), British international sprinter and rugby cap, Bruce Tulloh (Cambridge), 1962 European 5,000 metres champion.

RUGBY: Oxbridge XV from the fifties — Ken Scotland (Cambridge), 27 caps, Scotland, British Lions, Arthur Smith (Cambridge), 33 caps for Scotland, British Lions, Neilson Phillips (Oxford), 25 caps for England, Ricky Barstall (Cambridge), 18 caps for England, John Young (Oxford), 9 caps for England, British Lions, Phil Horrocks-Taylor (Cambridge), 9 caps for England, British Lions, Oswin Brace (Oxford), 8 caps for Wales, Andy Hogg (Cambridge), 22 caps for Ireland, British Lions, Peter Robbins (Oxford), 19 caps for England, Rob Davies (Oxford), 6 caps for Wales, David Perry (Cambridge), 15 caps for England, John Currie (Oxford), 25 caps for England, David Marshall (Cambridge), 23 caps for England, British Lions, John Wilcox (Oxford), 16 caps for England, British Lions, Gordon Waddell (Cambridge), 18 caps for Scotland, British Lions.

Still weeping for the lost generation

Argentina celebrates three years of democracy tomorrow after almost a decade of dictatorships that tortured and killed thousands. Ironically it was the Falklands defeat that led to the downfall of the generals. Eduardo Cne reports on the fight back to freedom

The Argentine nightmare came to the home of Señora Graciela Fernandez Meijide at two o'clock on the morning of October 23, 1976, when she was awakened by the insistent ringing of the doorbell.

Outside she could hear the murmuring of men's voices. After a moment one of them said: "Federal police, open the door!" She woke her husband Enrique and when they opened up they found themselves confronted by four armed men.

The couple's three children, Pablo, 17, Maria Alejandra, 18, and Martin, 15, were asleep. The police ordered Pablo to dress and come with them. They told his parents to pick him up at a nearby police station in the morning. "Pablo was green. He did not cry, he did not protest. He left with a smile, but it was a smile of fear."

Pablo Fernandez Meijide, in his last year of high school and with no record of political militancy, was to become one of more than 9,000 people who would disappear forever into the long Argentine night. As with most of the others, his body has never been found. "I never learned how Pablo died. I can only infer it. I can only imagine it," said Señora Meijide, who is co-president of the Permanent Commission on Human Rights. The men who took Pablo away belonged to the Argentine security forces that



Picture of grief: Señora Graciela Meijide with a photograph of her murdered son Pablo

roamed the streets of Buenos Aires and other cities in the early morning hours, almost always riding in green Ford Falcons without licence plates, their shotguns poking out of the car windows. They were the soldiers of the military government's war against subversion.

A victim was chosen because he belonged to a human rights or other "suspect" organization. Sometimes it was simply a matter of mistaken identity. This appears to have been what happened to Pablo.

Before kidnapping Pablo, the same men detained Maria and Leonora Zimmerman and a friend of Pablo's, Eduardo Muniz. All three were Pablo's age, and like Pablo all three would disappear forever. Maria was Pablo's new girlfriend, but until recently she had been

dating another boy, also called Pablo.

The four youngsters had distributed leaflets, painted slogans and sold a newspaper for the Workers' Revolutionary Party, the political branch of the People's Revolutionary Army, one of many terrorist groups then operating in Argentina.

"The supposition is that they were looking for the other Pablo," Señora Meijide said. It was a nightmare that was to become familiar to thousands of families.

Alfredo Bravo has the scars to prove what could happen to an ordinary citizen living under the military rule of the Argentine generals. He had just begun to teach his evening Spanish course on September 8, 1977, when an armed man entered the classroom and told him the Interior Minister wanted to see him.

Señor Bravo was thrown into a car and sped away into the Argentine abyss. For the schoolteacher and long-time human rights activist, the day marked the start of two weeks of torture and more than a year of jail and house arrest.

Señor Bravo had helped to found the Permanent Commission for Human Rights, of which he is still co-president. "For 13 days I was the object of all types of torture. The purpose was to make me divulge the names of the people in the United States and Europe who helped publicize our denunciations of human rights violations in Argentina. I never spoke. Not one of my colleagues was disturbed or imprisoned."

During the next two weeks he was submitted to various

forms of torture. Electric shocks were applied to all parts of his body. He was hung from his feet and pummeled with blows. His head was submerged in buckets of water until he was close to drowning.

Then he was brought before General Juan Ramon Camps, the notorious chief of the Buenos Aires province police who was sentenced to 25 years

in jail last week on charges of torture.

"He said I would be receiving a visit from my family that night and that if I told them what had happened to me I would later commit suicide in my cell," said Señor Bravo.

Luck and good timing combined to save Bravo's life. As soon as they learned of his disappearance, Argentina's human rights organizations sent a telegram of protest to President Jimmy Carter, who was meeting the following day at the White House with all the Latin American heads of state on the occasion of the signing of the new Panama Canal Treaty. President Carter personally handed the cable to Argentina's General Jorge Rafael Videla who promised to look into the matter.

Today Señor Bravo, who is a high-ranking official in the education ministry, is optimistic about the future. "I think that the experience that the Argentine people have lived through, the human rights trials and all the battles of the long night from 1976 to 1983 have helped to solidify democracy."

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May 6, 1986: Military commanders, including former President Leopoldo Galtieri, receive jail terms ranging from eight to 14 years for their role in the Falklands war. Thirteen other officers acquitted.

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Under cover

Designer lingerie has arrived, sweetly silken and prettily innocent, often reminiscent of bottom-drawer collections from another age and enough to tempt even the ultra-practical



Centre: cream georgette camisole with applied silk lace, £58, matching circular French knickers, £115 by Jasper Conran from his shop at 37 Beauchamp Place, SW3, Fortnum and Mason, Piccadilly and Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1.

Above: palest grey and white floral and striped crêpe de chine. Deep bra, £56, matching wrap-over culottes, £107 by Jenny Doherty from Night Owls, 78 Fulham Road, SW3. Silver drop earrings, from Miroslav, 178 Walton Street, SW3.

Far left: a whisper of silk with deep insets of lace for a snow-white all-in-one teddy by Krizia, £95 from a collection at 28 Brook Street, W1.

Right: a scattering of printed tulips on a pure silk bra with covered buttons, £40, matching bias cut slip with applied lace, £39. From a set in the same silk, all by Elizabeth Bolton, from Fenwick's, New Bond Street, W1, Camille, Stratford upon Avon and Lingers, York.

Left: Edwardian underpinnings for a cream silk and lace basque trimmed with bows and laced down the back, £300. Frothy frills of lace from French knickers, £280. Both by Emanuel from their new shop at 10 Beauchamp Place, SW3.

Hair by Guido at Toni and Guy. Make-up by Laurie Starrett.

Photographs by IAN THOMAS

Slivers of silk, wisps of chiffon and appliques of the finest lace mark the arrival of designer lingerie — the latest line in up-market undressing. "It looks like my mother's trousseau," said a customer in the Jasper Conran shop, fingering the sheer georgette cami-knickers and slip of a top. The newest lingerie is reminiscent of the bridal collections at The White House which young ladies laid down in the bottom drawer. Undies now are the prettiest things, delicate rather than sensual, and with luxury price tags.

In the present season, even the most practical woman can be seduced by expensive underpinnings. Those spending on a gift will be pleased to know that you now get rather more for your money. The newest lingerie is generously cut, with the bikini briefs expanding to culottes or French knickers, and the bra-top cut deep and wide or elongated to form a silken vest. The petticoat, too, is having a revival and is sold as part of a set of underwear that looks like grandmother's trousseau from the 1920s.

Both Jasper Conran and Emanuel, with new shops in Beauchamp Place, have introduced lingerie collections this season. Conran's is 1930s in style, bias-cut to stroke the body, and includes the all-in-one "teddy" that is a feature of many underwear ranges. Emanuel have gone back to the Edwardian boudoir for lace-embroidered negligés and bustiers trimmed with bows.

Italian designer Giorgio Armani and Krizia both have delicious undies, sliced from silk crêpe de chine, in their signature boutiques. Significantly Armani, who only two years ago launched an androgynous fashion look, has accepted that underwear needs to be feminine, and makes gossamer-fine bras and briefs, inset with transparent lace.

Delicate underpinnings come from the Italians and the French in a series of silken offerings at Harrods. Fashion controller Clare Stubbs says that the two major styles in underwear are the frilly and the sporty. The new mood for soft femininity brings in a third category of gentle lingerie, in soft colours: aquamarine, peach, eau de nil, old rose and cream.

The trend towards the frankly feminine has already reached the high street, where the wide-legged French knickers, the new deep bra tops and, especially the silky camisoles are in the chain stores. Marks and Spencer, best known for their sturdy briefs and wholesome nightwear, have produced pretty rosebud prints, inset panels of lace and some wicked-lady undies in scarlet satin.

The expensive lingerie relies rather on cut and fabric for its charm, with the matt surfaces of chiffon and georgette outshining slippery satin in the designer collections. The effect is pretty, pure and surprisingly innocent.



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© Baubles and Bows: wrap yourself and your Christmas tree in ribbons and bows. Hair bows in every shape and colour are in gilded boxes for £13.95 from Fenwick's. Laura Ashley bows for Cinderellas who will go to the ball in black or navy blue velvet, £4.95. Small but beautiful baubles hark back to grandmother's jewellery box: a sinuous diamond lizard brooch, antique-looking, £12.95 from Liberty. Sparkling crystal head earrings with enamel charms, £25 by Eric Beames from Liberty and X.Y.Z. Blue-steel Silver-plated reindeer brooch for seasonal lapsels, by Gary W. and Sheila Tegen, £19 from Liberty.

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PEOPLE

Praise to Emanuel

It was show-business as usual when Elizabeth and David Emanuel celebrated the launch of their shop last Wednesday. In a re-run of Diana's Royal wedding, their star guest, actress Jane Seymour, arrived in a gilded coach. The real party happened that night when even the glasses holding the hundreds of white candles were swagged in the famous Emanuel bows. Toasting the designer couple were Lionel Blair, George Harrison's wife Olivia in a slinky velvet bustier dress, and assorted ballet stars wearing facial glitter.



© Jane Seymour (above), the 35-year-old actress, lit up the Emanuel party in chandelier earrings and this season's strapless top.



© It was tu tu much when Francesca Thysen (above) turned up in an Emanuel skating skirt frock in wicked black velvet.

© Alice in Wonderland became a fashion victim last week in a new 40-minute film, Caprice. The star of the film, a girl called Lucky, is transported into a tongue-in-cheek fantasy world through the pages of her favourite glossy mag, meeting characters like the fashion editor, Grace Herringbone, and partying social editor Betty Mixer (as in Kenward). The film will be shown on Channel Four in the New Year.



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Cementing the cracks

Rod Hackney's first task after his bitterly contested election yesterday as president of the Royal Institute of British Architects will be to restore the staff's badly battered morale. In recent weeks there has been a flurry of resignations from the Portland Place headquarters. David Pearce, editor of *RIBA's* journal, says he has quit because of RIBA's "frankly Kafkaesque" bureaucracy, which had demanded the removal of his office from the HQ. He has been followed by the keeper of RIBA's Heinz picture gallery, John Harris, who is unhappy about plans to move it to Portland Place, and David Atwell, director of information. Others threaten to follow. Pearce predicts that Hackney will have a tough time making any impact on the institute's workings, but Hackney tells me he is confident that his mandate will enable him to make the sweeping changes necessary to restore calm.

Woolsack?

Student unrest almost deprived Lord Hailsham of his bed during a visit to his rooms at All Souls College, Oxford, at the weekend. He arrived to find his study occupied by George Walden, the higher education minister, and a deputation of students complaining about grants. His bedroom had been locked while the students aired their grievances, and embarrassed college servants could not find the key. The 79-year-old Lord Chancellor emerged saying: "There was no room at the inn. Foxes have holes, birds have nests, but I have nowhere, it seems." He then disappeared into a bathroom, muttering "I suppose we can put a bed in here."

Anticipation

Which mole tipped off *Wisden Cricket Monthly*? It is surely more than a coincidence that the next issue carries an account of Lord Rothschild's cricketing career. Next to a photo of the young Nathaniel Mayer Victor Rothschild batting at Lord's for Harrow against Eton in 1927, it records the impressive 36 he scored in his debut for Northants against a Nottinghamshire attack which included Voce and Larwood, of Bodyline fame.

No deal

The TV movie *Deal of the Century*, scheduled for screening by CBS in America last week, was mysteriously axed at the last minute. Its subject matter, international arms dealers running into trouble in Latin America. Were shades of *Traveller* responsible? CBS is surprisingly forthcoming: "It would be an extraordinary coincidence if the decision were not connected to the political situation."

BARRY FANTONI



"Apparently if you take back your summons they'll change it"

Overcast

A new financial package for members of the Sogat print workers' union, designed to recruit new members, has come unstuck on the eve of tomorrow's launch. It seems that no one at Sogat head office bothered to check if Prudential Assurance was still interested in providing mortgage and insurance services. It wasn't enough Sogat members were already using the Pru's services. Union officials have now written shamefacedly explaining that the man from the Pru will not be coming after all. The recruitment drive will, however, go ahead. Its distinctly inapposite title? Rising Sun.

Rebirth

Historian Francis Wilson is so pleasantly surprised by the impact of his *History Today* article on the curtailment of George V's final hours by a shot of morphine and cocaine that he hopes for a more enduring readership. His agent is suggesting to Chatto and Windus, the publisher of his 1951 biography of the royal physician Lord Dawson of Penn, that it is time for a reprint, with a new chapter on the king's death.

Salad daze

Headless of the current concerns about the abuse of early day motions, Jeremy Corbyn, the left-wing Labour MP, has put down this: "That this House congratulates the canteen workers of the Refreshment Department on the production of an excellent bean casserole on December 4/5, welcomes the availability of vegetarian food; and hopes that in future there will be a wide variety of wholefood and vegetarian dishes."

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A House viciously divided

Robin Oakley, Political Editor, explains the mutual Thatcher-Kinnock loathing

It is just as well that Mrs Thatcher will be away in Strasbourg and not at Prime Minister's Question Time in the Commons today. Had she been about we would probably have seen an ill-tempered slanging match between her and Neil Kinnock which would have done nothing to enhance the image of parliamentary government.

Kinnock is feeling bruised by the ridicule heaped on him over his American trip and by what he regards as the deliberate misrepresentation of his behaviour in the M15 affair. Mrs Thatcher is equally outraged by what she regards as Kinnock's betrayal of the traditional bipartisan approach on security. Each reacts by blaming the other across the despatch box with increasing venom and volume.

We have today a Prime Minister and Opposition leader whose degree of mutual loathing has rarely been equalled in recent history. They are set apart not only by their politics but by their styles, their age, their experience and their sex. There is no point of contact between them. Each believes in the other's caricature. Mrs Thatcher sees Kinnock as an intellectual lightweight who will sacrifice any principle for a good line in party conference cracks, whose approach to any problem is to spray it with adjectives. He sees her as a heartless ideologue concerned

only with the rich and who will use any weapon in the armoury of government, legitimate or otherwise, to stay in power.

Between most past leaders there has been the unspoken sympathy of those who have carried the burden of high office. Wilson and Macmillan may have fought some epic contests across the despatch box but in the corridors afterwards they could grin at each other and acknowledge that they had had the best of it. Wilson may have scored Douglas Home's mawkish economics but acknowledged his honesty and courage. Heath and Wilson, no bosom pals, could pass the time of day on Privy Councillor terms.

Mrs Thatcher, who rates people by their intellect above all else, found a *modus vivendi* with Harold Wilson; she respected Callaghan's bluff patriotism and Michael Foot's qualities as a Commons man, if nothing else. You have to go back to the spit-and-scratch animosity between Macmillan and Gaitskell to find the nearest equivalent to today. Meanwhile the behaviour of those on the back benches has become much uglier.

It is not just Labour left-wingers trying to howl down the Prime Minister. An equally obnoxious

bunch of Tory ruffians now set out deliberately to wreck Kinnock's interventions. Mrs Thatcher and Kinnock have jointly ushered in an era of parliamentary gang warfare; with an election approaching it can only get worse.

Both sides are feeling defensive, and this brings out their aggression. The Tories are alarmed that the endless rows over the Peter Wright affair are destroying the air of settled calm they are trying to cultivate in the run-up to the election. But it is the twitchiness on the Labour side that is more remarkable. Kinnock and his entourage are developing a kind of bunker mentality to such an extent that a paragraph of press criticism in an otherwise approving article is enough to earn threats of physical attack. All those not proven to be for them are treated as enemies. They are beginning to look like a bunch of men who believe they have peaked too early and find the match slipping away from them with no alternative plan in the locker.

In the current security row Kinnock is furious at Mrs Thatcher's threats to withdraw briefings on Privy Councillor terms and to suggest that he cannot be trusted on security

matters. He insists hotly that he has never betrayed to another soul a word of what he has been told on such occasions in the past and regards it as "dirty tricks" by a Prime Minister ruthlessly determined to belittle him.

Kinnock's indignation is genuine. He is, at heart, a smart-coat-at-the-Cenotaph, shoes-polished, traditionalist not in the least embarrassed at extolling the virtues of the monarchy before an American audience. But his irritation is probably redoubled by the knowledge that many on his own side think he was wrong to have talked to defence lawyer Malcolm Turnbull in the M15 affair, so giving Mrs Thatcher just the ammunition she needed to claim that Labour cannot be trusted on defence. In the same way his surlyness in America derived in part from the knowledge that he had failed to find a single congressman prepared to welcome Labour's defence policies.

What many on both sides of Parliament find it hard to understand is the amount of time which Labour is devoting to pursuing the Wright Affair when the general public are treating all its comings and goings with an enormous shrug. All the evidence is that Labour has got its tactics wrong, and the realization of that on both sides can only redouble the bitterness of the exchanges at Prime Minister's Question Time.

Richard Owen outlines new Nato ideas on exploiting Soviet weakness

Brussels President Reagan's latest series of bungles, this time over arms sales to Iran, and his abrogation of the Salt II treaty are causing renewed concern within Nato. Meanwhile, Gorbachev introduces further cultural reforms and makes a successful and sure-footed foray to India. The divided West appears to be dealing with Mikhail the Mighty—or is it?

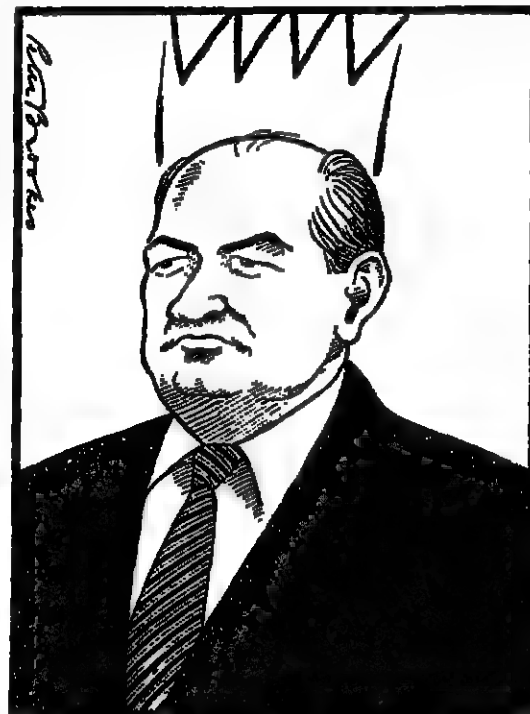
Gorbachev may not always win but he makes sure he does not lose, or at least is not seen to lose. Thus the propaganda advantage which he has achieved in the western media. The Reykjavik summit was a case in point. He offered an across-the-board arms deal and, having put Reagan on the defensive, immediately made Star Wars a sticking point. Reagan was seen as clinging to his overriding and irrational attachment to SDI while the "reasonable" Gorbachev decided there was no point in prolonging the negotiations and went home, leaving the West in disarray.

The more Reagan comes unstuck, the more Gorbachev looks like the teflon General Secretary. A human rights conference in Moscow? A brilliant stroke, enabling Moscow to mount a propaganda campaign against the alleged lack of social and economic rights in the West. But it could be that the West magnifies its own shortcomings, which are there for all to see, while overlooking Soviet difficulties because they are remote and, where possible, suppressed. At a recent closed Nato conference in Brussels, one US think-tank delegate suggested that we may be dealing not with Mikhail the Mighty but, in fact, with "Misha the Wimp".

In reality, the Nato experts say, Gorbachev's public relations success abroad is not mirrored at home, where his authority is far from secure and his standing, both with the people and with officialdom, is not as high as the West assumes. The smart suits and rather flashy manoeuvres alienate many Russians, at all levels of society, rather than dazzle.

Members of the Brezhnevite Old Guard, who are still powerful, argue that Gorbachev tends to make unnecessary concessions too early in the superpower game. Debates in Aesopian language between Gorbachevites and the Brezhnevites on the new style have appeared in the Soviet press. Moves which impress the West—limited private enterprise or open discussion of the Stalinist past—arouse suspicion and *sotto voce* accusations of gimmickry.

Going to Iceland in the first place, his opponents argue, was a typical Gorbachev concession: a ploy to disentangle himself from the mess into which East-West relations had fallen largely because



For Mikhail, a hug along with a squeeze

of Kremlin bungles like the Daniloff affair. After Iceland, Gorbachev appeared three times in ten days on Moscow TV to give an account of the breakdown in much the same words. "Russians do not like to see their leaders having to justify themselves," one American official said. "It smacks of failure."

The Nato conference was the brainchild of the wisecracking American Dr Murray Feshbach, brought in to advise Lord Carrington, the Nato secretary-general, as the alliance's first Sovietologist-in-Residence. Western academic and other expertise is being harnessed to give Nato planners a clearer picture of Soviet realities. "It's an odd thing," one old Moscow hand said, "that in the past we have always thought of the Russians as masters of long-term strategy, wonderful chess players and so on, but now they seem to be abandoning the chess match in favour of the western game: going for tomorrow's headlines, the immediate effect."

The performance of Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, at the recent Vienna meeting on European security is typical of this headline-grabbing

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As for SDI, the main lessons for Soviet generals and hardliners post-Reykjavik is that once again Gorbachev failed to stop it, as he failed at the first summit in Geneva. "The West may not believe in Star Wars, but the Russians obviously do," one British academic at the Nato conference said.

Add to this the fact that Gorbachev still does not have a convincing majority in the Politburo, with most of the hardliners biding their time to see how many more mistakes he makes, and there is a danger that we might turn full circle from fearing Gorbachev to pitying him for his vulnerability.

As one British delegate at the conference said: "Far from assuming masochistically that Gorbachev is a born winner, we might find ourselves having a vested interest in helping him to carry out his domestic reforms and overcome his enemies: let us help him shore up his authority."

Since the Russians are no doubt aware of this tendency the only realistic option for the West, as one American expert put it, is to both "deal" and "squeeze": to deal with Gorbachev over arms control and trade, and to squeeze him over human rights and Soviet behaviour abroad. In a rare fit of western self-confidence, the conference concluded that what the Marxists call the correlation of world forces is moving against the Soviet Union, not in its favour, from Soviet setbacks in the Third World and the rising costs of an arms race which Moscow cannot afford, to Gorbachev's domestic problems (1985 was supposed to be a year of economic growth, but the 1985 Soviet statistics were more than usually suspect).

The West, in other words, should neither go weak at the knees out of admiration for Mikhail the Mighty nor go to the other extreme and feel sorry for Misha the Wimp. It has to be hardheaded, resolute in its dealings with Moscow and careful to ensure that Nato's often alarming tendencies towards dissension and self-doubt do not hand Gorbachev successes he has not earned.

Provided Washington learns the lessons of the Iran debacle and establishes a co-ordinated foreign policy, Nato might even try to acquire the capacity for long-term strategy so long considered a Soviet speciality, even if this means letting Gorbachev win at least some, if not all, of the short-term accolades.

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Hong Kong: why it cannot be Charles

The Queen, acting on the advice of the Foreign Secretary, will shortly appoint a new governor of Hong Kong to succeed Sir Edward Youde, who died suddenly last week. Both should be certain that those who offer advice on the appointment understand the hearts, minds, and apprehensions of the territory's 5.5 million residents, and the determination and suspicion of the handful of top leaders in Peking.

For a start, they should ignore the proposal that the job go to the Prince of Wales. Quite apart from whether he would want it, and although an eccentric fringe in Hong Kong is vigorously floating the idea, it would be a disastrous appointment.

Between now and 1997, when Hong Kong is handed back to the mainland, the atmosphere there will become increasingly tense as at least three million of its citizens, those who are refugees, face the realities of once again submitting to communist rule. A man of great wisdom, experience and intimate knowledge of the Chinese psyche will be needed to prevent this tension from turning into hysteria, flight, or even public disorder.

He must be able to persuade the bankers, financiers, administrators and professional people that their interests will not be swallowed up when the red flag eventually waves over what is now the governor's residence.

The rest of the territory's

population, as well — noodle sellers, taxi drivers, police, and above all the workers in Hong Kong's myriad workshops, too poor to flee abroad — need reassurance that in December, 1984, when Britain and China agreed that Hong Kong would enjoy a high degree of autonomy, they meant it, and that after the 1997 hand-over, the territory's unique way of life after it becomes a special administrative region.

This means not only horse racing and mahjong but the region's own legislature and chief executive, drawn from the local population and approved by Peking. In Hong Kong this is called Hong Kong People Ruling Hong Kong, in Peking, One Country Two Systems.

Who then should follow Sir Edward? Sir Percy Cradock, now Mrs Thatcher's special adviser on foreign affairs, followed Sir Edward as ambassador to Peking from 1978 to 1983. He, too, struggled through the negotiations leading up to the signing of the handover agreement in December 1984, and may once have saved them. But his tenure was a memorable session with Zhou Nan, Peking's abrasive chief negotiator. Sir Percy speaks excellent Chinese.

Equally well qualified is Dr David Wilson, assistant under-secretary in the FCO. A PhD in Chinese history and ex-editor of the authoritative *China Quarterly*,

perfect governor, seen as he was by some in Hong Kong as too determined to manage the hand-over to Peking's satisfaction.

But it was Sir Edward above all, despite Peking's insistence that he could not represent the interests of the people of Hong Kong, who made clear to Hong Kong's negotiators that it is in China's interests to preserve the territory's unique way of life after it becomes a special administrative region.

Wilson was once political adviser in Hong Kong, the FCO's top official attached to the Hong Kong government. He oversaw virtually every hour of the 1984 negotiations in Peking, and now leads the British side at the three-monthly meetings of the liaison group which is hammering out pre-1997 arrangements such as Hong Kong passports, identity cards, and independent membership of Gatt and dozens of other international organizations.

Then there are three Chinese-speaking ambassadors: Sir Richard Evans in Peking, Alan Donald in Jakarta, and Robert McLaren in Manila, all with high-level Chinese and Hong Kong experience. In Hong Kong and Peking they, together with Cradock and Wilson, are regarded as first-class mandarins.

How long should the next governor hold the job? Perhaps until 1995, two years before the handover. Then a Hong Kong Chinese, liked, admired and respected on both sides of the border should be appointed. If his predecessor has done well, in 1997 this first Chinese governor can lay down the plumes and other colonial trappings and, with Peking's approval, become the first chief executive of the largely autonomous Hong Kong special administrative region.

Guy Benton

Digby Anderson

Child abuse on a grand scale

Had it been the unemployment rate or the numbers in poverty, newspapers would have been filled with columns of protest and the radio resounded to denunciations by politicians and church leaders. But it was only the divorce figures, up another 11 per cent, so there was next to no comment at all. Most newspapers limited themselves to reporting the increase, released by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys late last month. Some increased their coverage to an inch and a half, reporting, without comment, that "recent changes in the law, allowing couples to petition for divorce after one year of marriage compared with three years previously, was the main reason for the increase."

Divorce is, of course, not simply a problem for the partners concerned but a major social problem. More than 160,000 children are dragged through the divorce courts every year in the wake of their parents' inclinations, and their subsequent maintenance is a substantial part of the £2,000 million paid by taxpayers to "one-parent families".

George Brown, in his recently updated and authoritative *Brown on Divorce*, has no doubt that divorce is the social problem of our times, causing "damage and distress to the children involved... the cause of more unhappiness than any other." Other commentators have shown the costs to society in the poor educational performance and delinquency linked with children of divorced parents.

There is no longer any doubt that the ending of marriage partners' contractual obligations to each other means very often in practice the abdication of their parental obligations to their children. Of those parents who, after separation, adopt a visiting rather than custodial role, more than half (nearly all fathers) will have lost contact with their children after two years. In the inner cities, up to a third of children are being brought up without fathers. The rate of increase is alarming. The estimated proportion of marriages ending in divorce has gone from 0.2 (1911) to 6.7 (1954) to 33 per cent (1985) and a rising number have young children. More than 60 per cent of the children concerned are under five. According to Brown, the courts are so besieged by divorcing parents that they cannot discharge their duties to oversee the children's welfare any better than perfunctorily: "At least one court lists 60 to 70 appointments... to be heard by a deputy judge in one day."

One might think it is time to reassess the case of divorce. But none of the political parties is interested, and the recent Matrimonial Causes Procedure Committee (Booth report) managed to

do the opposite. Its pages betray an obsession with making divorce as quick, easy and cheap as possible. Procedures should be set to relieve petitioners of any anguish. The last vestiges of guilt or fault should be removed. The report proclaims dogmatically that no one partner is likely to be to blame. Ignoring the manifest social costs of divorce, it urges that the publicness of divorce hearings be minimized for the convenience of divorcers. We may look forward, no doubt, to tick-the-box divorce by return of post.

Behind all this is the bizarre notion that divorce has nothing to do with marriage break-up. It is viewed merely as a tidying arrangement which occurs after "irretrievable" breakdown has already occurred and therefore should be quick, easy and pleasant. But divorce is a social fact. The ease with which it can be obtained is known by couples marrying, arguing and separating. To be sure, its ease is rarely part of explicit marital calculation, but equally surely divorce legislation contributes to attitudes to marriage. The divorces it makes easier are there for all to see. Something which was once very unusual and heavily stigmatized can be seen to be something that many people now do without stigma. It becomes a thinkable course of action. It becomes normal.

What is certain is that with the rising child casualties of marriage breakdown and its cost to the taxpayer, that is to families striving to stay intact, the advocates of easy, simple, cheap and pleasant divorce should no longer be allowed to get away with their unsearched assumption that liberalized divorce plays no part in these ills. But they probably will get away with it.

The Brezhnev doctrine states that countries where communists have taken over must never be allowed to revert to democratic rule. Progressives have adapted this to social issues. Once a progressive orthodoxy has captured an area of social policy, it must never be ousted. It does not matter whether the Eastern European regime is manifestly inefficient and unjust. It does not matter whether the progressive orthodoxy is associated with dreadful social problems.

When the Booth report complacently states that "it is neither desirable nor practicable to try to put the clock back", it is not reaching a conclusion on the basis of research but parroting progressive ideology. Obviously 160,000 suffering children are too few to persuade Booth or the Lord Chancellor to do something as radical as reverse their policies. I wonder how many more are needed.

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Andrew Gilchrist

Liverish all sorts

Of all the professions, none today entails a greater degree of stress than diplomacy. Apart from the burden of his duties in the increasingly complex web of foreign relations, the diplomat is the target for kidnapping or murder, so much so that the rigorous security precautions he is forced to adopt make his life scarcely worth living. At best, he goes in constant fear, that students or religious fanatics will put a torch to his embassy or residence. And even when he avoids, or survives, such hazards, he is well aware that his professional efforts are ill-regarded at No 10.

It is a life that puts an intolerable strain on the human frame, and most of all on the liver. For there is no other profession more likely to drive a man to drink.

And if such a temptation exists, consider the opportunities for yielding to it. The words "diplomacy" and "the cocktail circuit" are virtually synonymous. Night after night, members of this hedonistic calling embark on an endless round of receptions, parties, national days, banquets and heaven knows what besides, all — except (perhaps) in Saudi Arabia — to the accompaniment of copious supplies of alcohol. No sooner does a guest empty a glass of whisky or champagne than another is pressed into his hand. Indeed, I believe it is this picture of diplomatic life which evokes so much of the contempt and derision in which the profession is held by much of the public.

Further, the diplomat enjoys duty-free privileges, so that whenever he feels inclined to drink in the privacy of his own house it costs him practically nothing. Let me emphasize here that in diplomatic life duty-free means duty-free, not the trifling reductions made at airports under that alias. The price of a decent brand of Scotch delivered at the British embassy in (say) Paris is so minimal that it is regarded as a state secret.

Not, of course, that the duty-free privilege is provided as a personal favour for the ambassador: it is intended to save money for the British taxpayer. The ambassador is compelled by his duties to participate fully at the "giving" end of the cocktail circuit, so if he had to buy his Scotch locally, paying the exorbitant duty imposed in most foreign countries, the cost of running the Foreign Service would be astronomical. So duty-free it is.

Is all this entertainment really necessary? An irrelevant question: it is considered to be necessary. If we want our diplomats to be well-placed for the collection of vital information and to exert valuable influence in well-chosen quarters, then they must entertain, and entertainment means drink.

You still think it's all absurd, unnecessary and futile? All right, what about business entertaining? Press entertaining? What about the very considerable sums spent by local authorities (even left-wing authorities) to lubricate their relationships with one another and to foster friendship when they send delegations overseas?

All right, you may ask, but what is all this leading up to? Well, a week or two ago the newspapers published a table showing the degree to which members of various callings suffer from cirrhosis of the liver. It showed that the incidence among doctors was three times that of the norm, with the armed forces, financiers and seamen all exhibiting increasingly distressing figures. Pride of place went, predictably I suppose, to publicans, who register a horrifying and an almost incredible 15 times the average.

And what about the British diplomat? A man exposed daily (as I have shown) to the maximum of stress accompanied by the maximum of temptation? Where does his liver fit in?

As a former British ambassador, I was proud to see that the lads of today maintain the high standards and the old traditions of the Service; no matter how much they put away, their livers are unworried. They do not rate the slightest adverse mention in the cirrhosis table.

Yet there is one entry in the table which does cause me unease. Since my retirement from the fringes of diplomacy my name has occasionally appeared in *The Times* as the author of a few well-timed and weighty lines on a matter of public importance. That surely does not alter the status of my liver for those minor contributions appeared in a column supported entirely by the efforts of similar, unpaid correspondents.

This is an article, and I expect to be paid for it. Does this bring me into that cirrhosis tabulation under the endangered category "Authors, journalists and related workers"? If so, my liver is indeed at risk.

The author was ambassador to Reykjavik, Jakarta and Dublin.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 8: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Price at Winfield House, Regent's Park.

The Duchess of Grafton and the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine were in attendance. The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended the FEI Bureau Meeting at the Windsor Hotel today. Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 8: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this evening attended a dinner to mark the fifth Anniversary of Business in the Community, at Grosvenor Park Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

His Royal Highness, attended by Sir John Riddell, Bt and the Hon Rupert Fairfax, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

December 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, visited the Girls' Guild of Good Life in Hoxton this evening. Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

December 8: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of AFASIC (Association for All Speech Impaired Children) was present this evening at a Performance by The City of London Police Players at McMoran Hall.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J.M. Botcherby and Miss S.L. Martin
The engagement is announced between Marc, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Botcherby, of Boulogne, France, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Martin, of Watlington-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

Mr J.K. Bowerman and Miss G.M. Snelter
The engagement is announced between John Keith, son of Mr and Mrs G.M. Bowerman, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Gillian Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Snelter, of Hampton, Middlesex.

Mr W.J. Fielding and Miss S. Payne
The engagement is announced from Jamaica between William, only son of Mr John Fielding, of Kew, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Helen Fielding, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and Solange, daughter of Mr and Mrs Horace Payne, of Kingston, Jamaica.

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Wood Street Police Building, London, EC2.
Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President of Business in the Community, will attend a reception for "The Percent Club" given by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street on December 15.

The Prince of Wales will attend an English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on December 16.

The Duchess of York will attend Christmas Carols with the Stars at the Albert Hall on December 17, in aid of the Leukaemia Research Fund.

The Queen will open the renovated headquarters of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting at 23 Portland Place on December 18.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Geoffrey Agnew will be held at noon on Thursday, December 18, at St James's Church, Piccadilly.

Lady Jeffreys gave birth to a daughter in London on Friday, November 28.

Birthdays today

Sir John Burgh, 61; Miss Judi Dench, 52; Mr Kirk Douglas, 70; Mr Douglas Fairbanks, jr, 77; Miss Hermione Gingold, 89; Mr Benny Green, 59; Mr Robert Hawke, 57; Mr George Healey, 45; Mr L.J. McIntyre, 55; Mr Justice Mann, 56; Lord Morris, 49; Sir Godfrey Nicholson, 85; Miss Isobel Poole, 45; Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, 60; Miss Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, 71; Sir Peter Smithers, 73.

Marriage

Mr J.K. Irving and Miss J.V. Harris
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Irving, of North Shields, Tyne and Wear, and Johanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harris, of Matfield, Kent.

Mr A.J. Naylor and Miss C.A. Holligon
The engagement is announced between Adam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Naylor, of Saffron Walden, Essex, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Holligon, of Stockton on Tees, Cleveland.

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The body of Sir Edward Youde, Governor of Hong Kong, lying in state at Government House. Sir Edward, who died on December 5 in Peking, is being cremated today.

Christening

The infant son of the Hon David and Mrs Curzon was christened Andrew Linton Nathaniel by the Rev Lester Brewster at Kedleston, Derbyshire, on Sunday, November 30. The godparents are Mr Charles Collier, Mr Andrew Davies, the Hon Avril Curzon and Miss Patricia St John Barry.

Luncheon

HM Government Mr Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at the Ritz hotel in honour of the High Commissioner for Ghana.

Receptions

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
A reception was held last night at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in honour of Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls. The president, Mr Donald Troup, received the guests.

Byron Society
Viscount Norwich, a vice-president of the Byron Society and chairman of the Venice in Peril, delivered a lecture to the society last night and was the guest of honour at a reception held afterwards at the Foreign Press Association. Mr Michael Rees was in the chair and Mrs Elma Dargfield also spoke.

Service dinner
The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
Officers of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) held their annual dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday. Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Judge retires
Judge Bulger has retired from the circuit bench on the Western Circuit.

Mr Sam Spiegel, of New York, the film producer, left estate in England and Wales valued at £400,332 net.

Mrs Winifred Henrietta Schlegel, of Boxford, Berkshire, widow of Dr Bernard Schlegel, the paediatrician, left £600,380 net.

In London yesterday, there were keen competitors for the best Chinese ceramics and works of art at Christie's but no takers for the medicine. With a morning total of £544,885, some 30 per cent of the value of the offerings was left unsold, equivalent to more than half the loss.

Eskelazi, the London dealer, paid the top price of the morning at £32,500 (estimate £16,000 to £20,000) for an archaic bronze food vessel of standard form but exceptional quality of ornament.

Egyptian bronzes were the stars of Sotheby's morning antiques sale. A 16-inch figure of Isis, with the infant Horus on her knee, dating from around 664-525 BC was sold for £20,350 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000).

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OBITUARY

SIR TERENCE GARVEY Exponent of détente

Sir Terence Garvey, KCMG, who died on December 7, his 71st birthday, was a diplomat of intellectual strength and forthright views, who made his greatest contribution in East-West relations. He never wavered in the view that an accommodation of interests between East and West was possible.

Terence Willocks Garvey was born in Dublin on December 7, 1915, and educated at Felstead and University College Oxford, where he took first-class honours in PPE. He was a Fellow of Queen's College before entering the Foreign Office in 1938, later transferring to the Foreign (subsequently Diplomatic) Service.

His early consular career took him to San Francisco and Chile. Post-war service as private secretary to the outstanding military administrator, General Robertson, military governor in the British zone of Germany, brought his talents to the notice of his superiors. After spells in Bonn and in London, he served as counsellor in Cairo at the time of the Suez operation, and then in Belgrade.

He spent three productive years (1962-65) as chargé d'affaires in Peking, at a time when China's trade and political relations with Britain were beginning to develop before the upheaval of the Cultural Revolution. Simultaneously, he became Britain's first ambassador to the Mongolian People's Republic.

Mr Henry Reed, poet, translator and radio dramatist, died yesterday. He was 72.

He was born in Birmingham on February 22, 1914, and educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Aston, and Birmingham University. There he became one of a circle of writers and artists that included Auden, MacNeice and Walter Allen.

After gaining an MA degree in 1936 with a brilliant thesis on Hardy he was, until war began, a freelance journalist, travelling whenever possible in Italy, eking out his income with a little teaching.

Called up in 1941, he served - "or rather, he himself wrote, 'studied' - in the Army, until 1942 when he was seconded to Naval Intelligence at Blechley. The "studied" is perhaps explained by the crash-course he underwent in Japanese, and he served out the rest of the war teaching that language to Wrens.

During these years he first made his mark, initially with "Chord Window", his delightful parody of the later Eliot. It appeared over his initials in a *New Statesman* competition, and since an older and better-known poet had the same initials Reed did not immediately get the credit.

The authorship became obvious when "Naming of Paris" appeared. No more famous poem in English was inspired by the war, and later Reed seemed to resent its fame, for he thought it made him appear a one-poem man.

These and other poems which make up *The Lessons of War* (1970) won deserved acclaim. The sequence is based on his army training, and wittily describes the civilian's dismay at finding himself caught up in the military machine. The wit goes hand in hand with delicate lyricism.

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1275.5 (+7.0)
FT-SE 100
1623.4 (+9.9)

Bargains
33250 (29142)
USM (Datastream)
128.87 (+0.43)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4165 (-0.0125)
W German mark
2.8472 (-0.0051)
Trade-weighted
68.0 (-0.1)

Lynton
agrees to
£58m bid

Property and Reversionary Investments and Lynton Holdings — both property companies — are to merge by an agreed offer of £58.9 million from P and R. This value Lynton's shares at 435p each compared with a stated net asset value of 498p.

P and R, itself tipped as a takeover candidate, is offering 154 new shares for every 100 Lynton shares in what is being seen as a defensive measure.

The new company, Lynton Property & Reversionary, will have net tangible assets of 316p per share, based on latest valuations of portfolios.

The combined group will have net assets of £150 million with 47 per cent, by value, of the mixed portfolio located in central London. Net annual rental income is put at £10 million.

Brewer leaps

Pretax profits from Matthew Brown, the regional brewer, rose by 23 per cent to £10.1 million, including property sales, in the year to September. Turnover grew by 5 per cent to £33.6 million. Earnings per share increased from 22.2p to 29.1p. A final dividend of 11p was declared, making 14p for the year, an increase of 21 per cent.

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Greenall joy

Pretax profits rose from £30.7 million to £35.3 million at Greenall Whitley in the year to end-September. A final dividend for limited voting ordinary shareholders of 3.2p was declared, making 5.5p for the year. For ordinary A shareholders, a dividend of 0.64p was declared, making 1.1p for the year.

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Dobson jumps

Dobson Park Industries, the engineering group, saw pretax profits jump 29 per cent to £11.2 million for the year to September 27, on turnover up 7 per cent to £218 million. The dividend was unchanged at 5.21p net.

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Profits rise

Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries' pretax profits rose from £15.4 million to £18.7 million in the year to the end of September. Turnover was up by 9 per cent to £113.1 million.

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'Cut tax' call

The top rate of income tax should be cut from 40 to 30 per cent in the next Budget, according to the free market Adam Smith Institute.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	1914.65 (-10.41)
Dow Jones	1914.65 (-10.41)
Nikkei Dow	19710.08 (+105.77)
Hong Kong	2431.29 (+30.57)
Amsterdam Gen	285.9 (+0.4)
Sydney AO	1427.7 (+7.0)
Frankfurt	2059.0 (+13.7)
Commerzbank	2059.0 (+13.7)
Brussels	4115.30 (+36.37)
General	408.0 (-4.9)
Paris CAC	582.20 (same)
Zurich S&K Gen	n/a
London FT A	1275.5 (+7.0)
FT, Gills	61.34 (-0.30)

Closing prices Page 25

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills: 10 1/4%
buying rate
US Prime Rate 7 1/2%
Federal Funds 5.45-5.44%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.45-5.44%
30-year bonds 10 1/2%
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CURRENCIES

London	New York
£: \$1.4165	\$: £0.7062
DM: 2.8472	DM: £0.3511
SwF: 2.3375	SwF: £0.4300
FF: 6.5540	FF: £0.1516
Yen: 163.20	Yen: £0.0061
Index: 68.0	Index: 100.0
ECU: 20.729270	ECU: 1.363636

Interim profits surge 76% to £87m

In defence of
Pilkington

By John Bell, City Editor

Pilkington Brothers, the world's largest glassmaking group, which is fighting a £1.2 billion takeover bid from BTR, yesterday fired the first shot in its counter-attack.

Mr Antony Pilkington, the chairman, unveiled an increase in interim profits of 76 per cent to £87 million and promised shareholders a 30 per cent rise in the half-time dividend.

The tone and content of the figures and accompanying comments were confident and bullish about the immediate future. Yet Mr Pilkington stressed that the profits were in no way boosted by the need to put up a strong defence against a company whose chairman, Sir Owen Green, is recognized as one of Britain's most successful takeover campaigners.

The news from Mr Pilkington matched the highest expectations of the City, which has been looking for strong recovery since the

group took tough action to restructure in the wake of the early 1980s recession.

Sales were up 58 per cent at £941 million and earnings per share were no less than 235 per cent ahead. Licensing income from overseas users of Pilkington's pioneering float glass process rose from £12.9 million to £15.7 million. Overseas trading profits surged 82 per cent, mainly due to the inclusion of the American group, Libby-Owens-Ford, as a subsidiary for the first time.

The all-round performance, which Mr Pilkington described as excellent, was due to a combination of factors: real growth in sales, improving contributions from recent acquisitions, high productivity and a slowdown in the recent high level of redundancy costs. The impact of currency was marginal, adding £1.7 million to pretax profits.

With the group's formal defence document to the BTR takeover expected to be posted

tomorrow, Mr Pilkington was reluctant to give more than a cursory impression of the future.

The figures showed that BTR's bid was misconceived, Mr Pilkington said. BTR had compared his group's performance unfavourably with its own. But sales margins at 10.7 per cent were almost identical with BTR's.

"It would be a disaster for the British glassmaking industry if a group like BTR succeeded in its takeover attempt," he said. Spending on research and development and the long-term view his group took towards planning would suffer.

He revealed that the Stock Exchange was considering mounting a full-scale investigation into the sharp rise in Pilkington's share price before the BTR bid.

The interim dividend is to rise from 5p to 6.5p. Comment, page 23

Steepest
hotel bill
in Beverly
Hills

From A Correspondent
Los Angeles

Mr Marvin Davis has found the Beverly Hills power base he has been seeking by acquiring the Beverly Hills Hotel, Los Angeles, from the wife of Ivan Boesky, for about \$135 million (£94 million).

The deal will not be officially announced until at least the middle of this week. Mr Davis, an oilman from Denver, Colorado, and former chairman of 20th Century Fox, is expected to acquire further property in the area.

In September 1985, Mr Rupert Murdoch paid him \$325 million in cash for his 50 per cent share in Fox. The owners of the hotel are Mr Boesky's wife, Seema, and Mrs Mariel Stapkin, her sister, to whom she has not spoken for five years.

Mrs Boesky owns 52 per cent of the Beverly Hills Corporation and her sister, who is separated from her husband, Burton, owns the other 48 per cent.

Opening of the bids for the hotel took place behind closed doors in New York, and the bidding was conducted by the property subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, the investment bank.

Mr Davis, whose father was an oil tycoon from Lancashire, New Jersey, in April 1985, sold what was believed to be nearly all his producing oil and gas wells and his most promising oil land for \$180 million.

As he is expected to pay cash for his new hotel, business analysts feel that Mrs Boesky will be apprehensive that cash from the sale could become entangled in extensive litigation generated by the government's investigation of her husband's insider trading activities.

This indicates that a formula will have to be found by her — no doubt aided by her husband's advice — to receive the money in such a way that it will be free of any incumbrance created by these connected problems.

France hikes
interest rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Bank of France acted yesterday to head off pressure on the franc by raising short-term interest rates by a point. The move, with the dollar's revival against the mark, appears to have averted pressure for a realignment within the European Monetary System.

The pressure on the franc arose from the escalation of the Paris riots over the weekend. The Bank of France raised its seven-day money market interest rate from 7.5 to 8.5 per cent.

This succeeded in propping up the franc. At the close yesterday the franc was at DM3.2760, near the centre of its EMS band.

Dealers said that the French were helped by the fall of the mark against the dollar. Recent dollar weakness has produced a disproportionately strong mark, which has threatened EMS parity, last realigned in April.

The dollar yesterday rose against all currencies, as the

markets took a more relaxed view of the Reagan Administration's difficulties over the Iranian arms scandal, and as more optimistic assessments of US economic prospects appeared on Wall Street.

This was despite the fact that West German money supply figures showed an acceleration in November. The central bank money stock was growing at a 7.9 per cent rate last month, compared with the official 5.5 to 5.5 per cent target range.

Even so, the dollar rose from DM1.9960 to DM2.01 yesterday. The pound was also weaker against the strong dollar, falling by 1.25 cents to \$1.4165. The sterling index slipped by 0.1 to 68.0.

The move by the French authorities should succeed in holding off pressure for an EMS realignment until well after the German elections next month, according to Mr David Morrison, currency economist at Goldman Sachs.

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Sharp increase in
industrial costs

By Our Economics Correspondent

Industry's costs rose sharply last month as a result of the lower pound and higher energy charges. But there was only a small increase in manufacturers' prices.

Other figures published yesterday showed that retail sales and consumer credit maintained earlier strong levels in October.

Manufacturers' raw material and fuel costs jumped 2.3 per cent in November after a 1.5 per cent increase in October. It was the fourth successive increase after more than 12 months of consecutive decline.

The rise was mainly because of the onset of winter electricity tariffs for industry, although higher food prices also played a part.

Final October retail sales figures showed the volume of spending maintained at September's high levels. The index of retail sales volume was 123.2 (1980 = 100) in both months, with sales in the latest three months being 6 per cent up on a year earlier.

The value of sales in October was £7.4 billion, 10 per cent up on the corresponding period.

Piston maker is top Jaguar supplier

Building a better 'big cat'

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

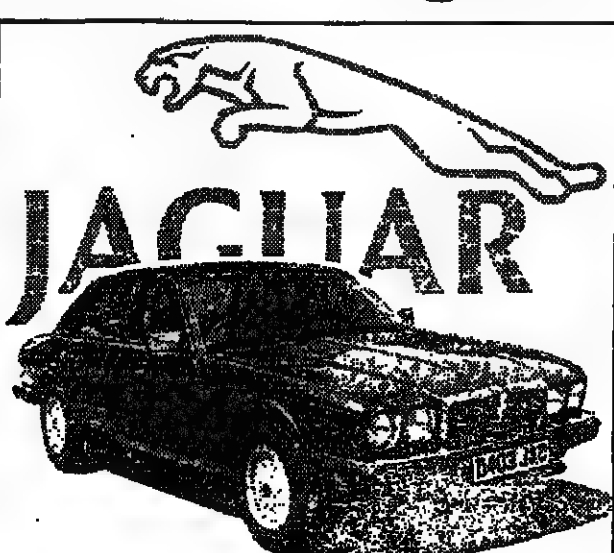
Hepworth & Grandage, a Yorkshire piston maker and AE subsidiary, was named yesterday by Jaguar Cars as its supplier of the year.

The award, instituted by Jaguar a year ago to highlight the big improvements in quality it was demanding from suppliers, was presented in London by Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State for Industry.

Forty-four "Pursuit of Excellence" awards — 20 per cent more than last year — were made to a range of companies big and small including four West German suppliers.

All were judged by Jaguar on the basis of value for money, continuity of supply and quality, with Hepworth & Grandage emerging at the top. The AE subsidiary, which employs about 1,500 people at factories in Bradford and Sunderland, has supplied Jaguar with pistons and rings for many years.

Sir John Egan, the Jaguar chairman and chief executive



Ready for launch in the United States: the new Jaguar

awarded a knighthood for his success at the helm of the privatized car company, said the present Government had given industry the opportunity to show "what it is made of" and to demonstrate that "in this world, only excellent products will survive".

He added that output of the company's latest product, the

Cambrian knew of Boesky/SEC link

By Lawrence Lever

The board of Cambrian and General Securities, the investment trust formerly chaired and managed by Mr Ivan Boesky, has known, since August this year, that Mr Boesky was providing the American Securities and Exchange Commission with information.

Mr Boesky telephoned Mr Edward Davies, one of the Cambrian directors, in August, informing him that he had received a subpoena from the commission.

"Mr Boesky told me he was just being required to provide information," Mr Davies said yesterday.

Nevertheless, the non-exec-

utive directors on the Cambrian board formed an ad-hoc committee and instructed lawyers to investigate the position.

At a committee meeting in Paris on November 11, the lawyers reported there was no evidence of any wrongful trading in Cambrian.

Three days later, on November 14, the SEC announced that Mr Boesky had agreed to pay a \$100 million (£70 million) penalty for insider trading.

"The announcement came as a complete surprise, we did not believe for a moment that any misdemeanour had occurred," Mr Davies said.

According to a circular sent to shareholders over the weekend, Cambrian has delayed publication of its year-end accounts until it receives preliminary conclusions from accountants investigating whether Cambrian was used for insider dealing or not.

The Cambrian board is concerned that the company could face large law suits if the accountants discover it has been used as a vehicle for Mr Boesky's insider trading.

The New York office of Peat Marwick Mitchell is therefore investigating every trade carried out by Cambrian and its subsidiary, Farnsworth and Hastings, since January 1985. Most of the relevant records

are kept at Mr Boesky's New York office and Mr Boesky is complying with requests for documents from the investigating accountants.

Mr Davies said the Cambrian board intends to propose winding up the trust, although a final decision on this would again have to await the accountants' report.

As an interim measure, Cambrian has appointed new managers with instructions to reduce debt and move away from risk arbitrage activities.

It is therefore repaying \$67 million of junk-bond financing arranged by Drexel Burnham Lambert in December 1984.



British Gas chairman Sir Denis Rooke (left) with Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, at the Stock Exchange yesterday

February
hearing
for Collier

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The case of alleged insider dealing by Mr Geoffrey Collier will go before Wimbledon magistrates' court on February 23, the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday.

Mr Collier, a former director of Morgan Grenfell Securities, has been the subject of a DTI inquiry. The department said that although charges were already being brought against Mr Collier, the inquiry was continuing and there was no date for when it was expected to be concluded.

Under the terms of the inquiry the two inspectors were asked to investigate dealings by Mr Collier "and/or persons associated with him".

The charges against Mr Collier relate to his alleged dealings in shares of AE, the engineering company, shortly before one of Morgan Grenfell's clients made a bid for the firm.



Geoffrey Collier: charges

Sid's quids in: early 20p
premium for gas shares

By Richard Lander

Shares in British Gas briefly touched a 20p premium, as predicted in *The Times*, when trading in the £5.6 billion issue got off to a record-breaking start on the Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon.

About 478 million shares, equivalent to 12 per cent of the 4 billion shares sold by the Government, changed hands in the first hour and by 5.30 approximately 779 million shares, worth about £500 million, had been traded. The previous record number of shares traded in one day in all equities was 520 million on November 14.

After opening at 63p, the 50p partly-paid shares touched their peak within the first few minutes with a very large block of 9.9 million shares being dealt at 70p. Trading was so confused that at one

stage the SEAQ screen trading system was showing a back-wardation, with the market-maker offering to sell 10p below what another market-maker was prepared to buy.

However, the market itself stood its ground. The biggest test since the market opened in October on big Bang day.

As the market sorted itself out, prices eased from their highs to steady at 64 1/2p after the first hour and end at 62 1/2p. Shares were dealt down to 4p levels, indicating heavy business between market-makers trying to turn over large blocks of shares at slim margins.

"There were some silly people who took the share up to 70p but it now seems insulated between 60p and 65p," said Ms Sue Graham, energy analyst at Merrill Lynch, the stockbroker. "For foreign investors, the shares are cheap anywhere below 60p while

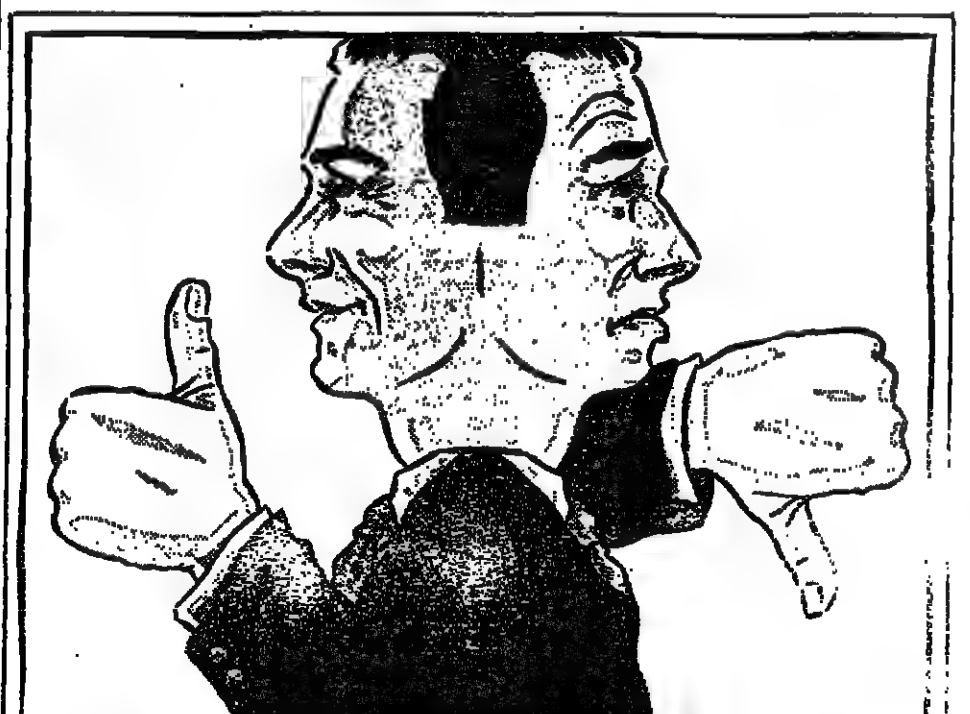
British institutions are prepared to sell above 65p."

A spokesman for C. J. Sachs, an American investment bank, said the market was strong and would remain so.

But it also started trading in the traded options pit where the premiums on both put and call options fell sharply from initial levels posted by market-makers.

Mr John Royden, an options trader at Grieveson Grant, the stockbroker, said: "Options are usually priced on past volatility of share prices and, of course, there was nothing to go on with British Gas. The market-makers took a guess and got it slightly wrong."

The FT 30-share index will be taking in British Gas from today using last night's close as the base level. The index will drop Vickers to accommodate British Gas.



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Bulmer & Lumb agrees bid

By Alison Eadie

Allied Textile, the cash-rich Huddersfield textile company, has made an agreed £11.6 million cash bid for Bulmer & Lumb, the Bradford dyer and worsted spinner.

Allied already owns a 3.6 per cent stake and has accepted offers from directors and other shareholders of Bulmer for a further 25.3 per cent.

Earlier this year, Allied made an unsuccessful £8 million bid for Berisford, the ribbon maker. It reported pretax profits in the six months to the end of March of £3.1 million.

Bulmer & Lumb shareholders are being offered 135p cash for each share, or 11 Allied shares for 23 Bulmer shares for up to half their shareholding. The partial share alternative will result in the issue of up to 2.05 million new Allied shares, or 8.6 per cent of the enlarged equity.

If the partial share alternative is not fully taken up, shareholders wanting to take paper may opt for more than half their Bulmer shareholding.

Council rates spiral 'costs jobs and forces firms out'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Spiralling local authority rates on businesses are costing jobs and in some cases driving companies to move from high-rate areas, according to the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

The association, which is supporting government moves to bring in radical rate reforms, makes the claims in a study on business rates which has been sent to every MP.

It lists a series of effects from rate rises which, in some cases, have approached or exceeded 50 per cent in the past two years.

About 678 jobs have been lost at companies in Birmingham and Wolverhampton, Birmingham rates on busi-

nesses have increased by 52 per cent over the past two years.

Various expansion projects, including a factory which would have created "many" new jobs, have been shelved or scrapped at Calderdale, west Yorkshire, in the wake of a two-year rates rise of 51 per cent.

Half the companies surveyed at Bolton expected the 23 per cent Bolton rates increase to result in job losses. A quarter were considering relocation and more than half expected to halt or delay expansion plans.

Merseyside Chamber of Commerce has warned Liverpool City Council that a threatened rate increase of more than 40 per cent next year would have a "devastating effect on employment."

Rates bills for retailers in Edinburgh and Glasgow are 3½ times higher than those in central London, being up to £71 a square foot in Scotland and £20 at Knightsbridge, according to one survey.

Most chambers of commerce support the idea of a uniform business rate, but ABCC is looking for safeguards. It wants some derating, of about 10 per cent, so that a uniform rate would be set at the lower end of present scales. It also wants a uniform rate to be phased in over at least five years to ease the problems of areas where businesses would pay more.

In addition, it seeks the immediate introduction of a nationwide ceiling on non-domestic rates to ease the burden on businesses while uniform rates are being considered and implemented.

Bid warning by Simon

Simon Engineering, fighting a £173 million management buyout bid from Valueade, claims that vital bonding (bank or insurance company guarantees on big contracts) and Export Credit Guarantee Department cover will not be available if Valueade wins.

Canberra 'will not stop' Murdoch bid

Canberra (Reuters) — The Australian government will not intervene in Mr Rupert Murdoch's takeover bid for the country's largest newspaper group, despite a senior minister's objections, government sources said yesterday.

The cabinet agreed that it had no constitutional power to stop the bid by Mr Murdoch's News Corporation for the Herald and Weekly Times group.

Mr Bill Hayden, the foreign minister, had called for an official inquiry into the Aus\$1.8 billion (£818 million) offer.

News Corporation would have a newspaper monopoly in three cities and control of large newspapers in every state capital, Mr Hayden said.

But the cabinet was told that the only official check on the takeover was a review by the Trade Practices Commission into News Corporation's market dominance, which could result from the bid.

The TPC could ask Mr Murdoch to sell newspapers in some markets, such as Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide, where the takeover would give him ownership of all daily newspapers.

The commission will announce its recommendations within 10 days, a TPC spokesman said.



Bill Hayden calls for official inquiry rejected

man said, if Mr Murdoch resisted the TPC proposals, the commission could stop the takeover in the courts, he added.

Speculation is continuing over a possible counter-bid by Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Perth entrepreneur who met H&W executives in Melbourne last week.

But neither Mr Holmes à Court, nor Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand financier who holds 11.6 per cent of H&W, has stated his intention to make a bid.

H&W's share price closed at Aus\$12.80 yesterday, compared with a price of Aus\$8.30 when Mr Murdoch made his Aus\$12 a share bid.

Blue chips gain ground

New York (Agencies) — Shares were mixed in early trading yesterday, with the Dow Jones industrial average rising by three points to 1,928.06. Blue chips, which led the market to a fresh record last week, managed to gain some ground, but the broader market continued the orderly consolidation which started last Wednesday.

Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by seven to five on a volume of 28 million shares. Carter Hawley Hale was up by 3½ to 56½, while Martin Marietta slipped 1¼ to 41.

On Friday, the industrial average dropped by 14.62 to 1,925.06.

Amoco fell by 1 to 64½, yesterday on a volume of 382,700 shares after a meeting the company had with all analysts last Friday. At the meeting, Amoco officials reportedly told investors that its domestic reserves could fall by 5 per cent this year and that oil production could decline by 5 to 7 per cent next year.

Arden Medical Systems has agreed to be purchased by Johnson & Johnson for \$24.4 million (£17.1 million) in cash or about \$4.42 a share.

USAir Group, which has agreed to acquire Pacific Southwest Airlines for \$17 a share, said that under labour agreements, Pacific's employees have the right of first refusal to acquire Pacific shares at the same price. The intention of exercising this right must be given within 60 days.

Conditions 'are ripe for destroying the Cap'

By Richard Lander

Conditions in world food trade are ideal for trying to destroy the Common Agricultural Policy's (Cap) system of huge surpluses and subsidies to help self farm exports outside the European Community, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit.

In its preview of food, feedstuffs and beverages in 1987, the EIU said the United States has increased the financial pressure on the Cap by cutting loan rates to drive down the wheat price and by overseeing a substantial fall in

disposal falls further and further short of the EC's guaranteed domestic prices, the unit said.

The report is generally gloomy on the outlook for foodstuffs prices, particularly for the main cereals. Pressure on wheat prices has been increased by the prospect of a strong Russian crop on top of continued oversupply and strong competition.

Prices of about \$90 (£63) a tonne fob — less than half the rate six years ago — could fall by a further \$5 next year.

World Commodity Outlook 1987: Food, Feedstuffs and Beverages: The Economist Intelligence Unit, £75.

Glut hits peanut trade

Rotterdam (Reuters) — The extensive peanut trade based in Rotterdam has been caught wrong-footed by a sudden glut after hints of a shortage.

Stocks are at a record level, while the price of peanuts, which had shot up to \$1,750 (£1,232) a tonne, has tumbled to a more usual \$1,000 level.

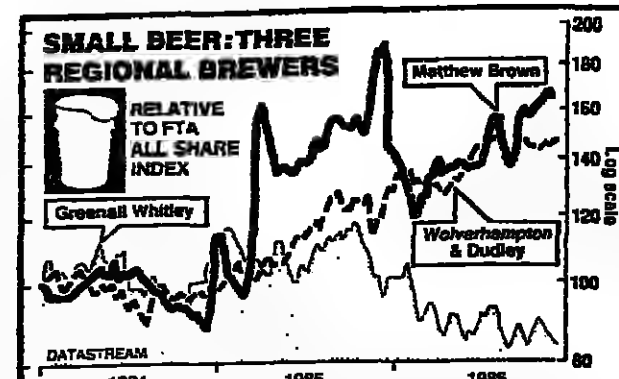
Traders say prices started rising this summer after reports that the US crop was hit by bad weather.

Rising prices and the prospect of a US shortfall before Christmas, when consumption soars, led to buying from other sources. But then it emerged that China and Argentina had good crops and that the US crop might not be as bad as expected.

As the rally in peanut prices faltered, some players lost their nerve and sold out, sending prices into a spin.

TEMPUS

Wolves brewery leads the regional pack



Yesterday was a field day for regional brewery enthusiasts. They were able to compare the consequences of management at Wolverhampton & Dudley and Greenall Whitley while counting Matthew Brown's last days as an independent.

The market made its preferences clear. Wolves' shares jumped 9p to 55p, the Matthew Brown price rose 2p to 60p while Greenall Whitley edged up 1.5p to 174.5p.

All three are operating in difficult local markets. However, Wolverhampton & Dudley is the paragon among the regionals. Although the Thompson family influence is still very apparent, it has not cramped Wolves' style.

The policy of building up a network of managed pubs geared to the young adult while concentrating on the establishment of good quality brands is paying off. The group has resisted the temptation to diversify and has maintained its quality of earnings.

Having grown organically rather than by acquisition, Wolverhampton & Dudley has not issued any shares since 1980. Now, with earnings at less than 2 pence, Wolves may begin to live up to its name and become more aggressive in the marketplace.

It would, for instance, make sense to make a bid for the much bigger but arguably less successful Greenall Whitley. However, the latter's voting structure protects it.

The market's perception of Greenall Whitley is poor. The products are not considered to be of adequate quality to hold their own in a non-tied house environment while the diversification policy has not been well received. The price recently paid for Davenport has not helped matters since it has diluted earnings.

Admittedly, more than three quarters of the group's earnings now come from retail activities and its record on acquisitions is not unsatisfactory, but it may take some time and some dramatic action for the shares to be re-rated. In the meantime they remain a dull investment even taking into account the low price-earnings ratio.

Speculators are watching Matthew Brown with baited

breath. It exceeded the profit forecast made during the bid last December and the outlook for this year looks good. However, armed with 29.9 per cent of the equity and two thwarted attempts behind it, Scottish & Newcastle is almost certain to bid when it is unleashed on Friday.

This regional is well run and has a respected range of products including its own lager. However, it is difficult to justify the present rating on trading grounds alone. Scottish & Newcastle may be lucky third time around, but one suspects it will pay up and may regret the consequences. The market is suggesting a takeover price of more than 700p. On next year's prospective earnings this is expensive.

Wolverhampton & Dudley is clearly the pick of the bunch. John Dunsmore of the stockbroker Wood Mackenzie is forecasting pretax profits of £21.5 million excluding property (earnings per share of 42.5p). Admittedly, the rating is high but the record and potential justifies this. There is little in Wolves' way to prevent it going from strength to strength.

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duced interest costs, more than offset declines in profitability in the power tools and engineering divisions. Pretax profits jumped 29 per cent to £11.2 million in the year to September 27.

Power tools had a difficult year when profits halved to £1 million. After a fair amount of rationalization, profits in the present financial year should return to 1985 levels of about £2 million.

Profits in the engineering division suffered from the inclusion of losses from the Australian subsidiary, which has now been closed. Much of the rest of this division comprises manufacture of toys, demand for which was buoyant.

But the key to future profits lies in the outlook for mining engineering, which, in 1986, accounted for more than 71 per cent of turnover and 75 per cent of profit.

British Coal still accounts for half the group's mining equipment orders and, while adequate, they will not be as good as last year.

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Dobson Park Industries

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Soaring Evode buys Supra for £14.4m

By Our City Staff

Evode, the adhesives, paints and plastics company, yesterday announced pretax profits 32 per cent higher at £3.7 million in the year to September 27 and unveiled details of a £14.4 million agreed bid for Supra Group.

Supra manufactures and distributes motor components, noise control products and paints. It estimates its pretax profits in the year to November 30 at not less than £1.65 million.

The terms of the offer are three Evode shares for four Supra shares or a partial cash alternative at 85p a share for up to 25 per cent of shares held. Evode already has acceptances from 52 per cent of Supra shareholders.

Evode's final dividend was raised to 2.82p from 2.28p.

COMPANY NEWS

● **PICT PETROLEUM:** Figures in 2000 for the year to June 2, 1986. No dividend. Turnover was 2,334 (2,443), profit on oil and gas trading was 695 (1,169) and loss per share was 37.4 p. Earnings per share were 7.3p.

● **BBB DESIGN GROUP:** No interim dividend. A combined interim and final will be paid in August. Figures in 2000 for the six months to October 31 (comparisons adjusted). Turnover (1,189,906), pretax profit 342 (240), tax 130 (684) earnings per share 2.68p (1.88). The results are on a pro forma basis as the business of BBB was not incorporated within BBB Design Group until July 3. As a result, profits have been changed with salary costs which would have been incurred, if the business had been incorporated within the company at May 1. The company continues to seek new opportunities for ventures linked with the existing range of services, and the board is confident that the improvement in results will continue into the second half.

● **BRITISH BENZOL:** The directors recommend a dividend of not less than 1p per ordinary share for the year to March 31, 1987. Figures in 2000 for six months to September 30. Turnover 2,698 (2,148), pretax profit 3,875 (2,702), tax 116 (151), extraordinary item 348 credit (329 debit), earnings per

share basic 5.8p (4), fully diluted 5.3p (3.6). The directors say that the level of activity within the group is "most encouraging" and suggest well for further growth. The extraordinary credit represents the net surplus on the sale of a freehold property and the excess of an insurance claim no longer required. The results of the newly-acquired Powerscreen companies have been included to give a more accurate reflection of the enlarged group's overall operations. This should not overshadow the continuing progress being made by the original British Benzol companies. The board adds that the proposed resumption of dividends after a number of years underlines the confidence the directors have in the group's future.

● **HAY & ROBERTSON:** Figures in £s for the year to May 30. Nil dividend, turnover was 228,389 (415,384), loss before tax and extraordinary items was 1,177 (4,795 pft), tax was nil (nil) and loss per share was 0.015p (0.006p profit).

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Associated companies	2,958	2,542	3,795
Income from operations	101,155	98,928	200,570
Operating costs	19,767	17,644	35,367
Profit before interest on borrowings	81,388	81,284	165,203
Interest on borrowings	67,732	70,462	142,720
	13,656	10,822	22,483
Exceptional item - issue expenses	4	892	2,068
Net revenue	13,652	9,930	20,415
Profits on realisation	28,538	13,492	58,404
Provisions	9,981	8,824	32,613
Profit before tax	32,209	14,598	46,206
Estimated tax	9,643	3,577	16,456
Profit after tax	22,566	11,021	29,750
Extraordinary items	8,428	(58)	(40)
	30,994	10,963	29,710

Notes:
1. An interim dividend will be paid in respect of the year ending 31 March 1987 of 2.5p per share (£2,883,495 (1985/86 2.2p per share £2,878,255)).
2. The figures for the year ended 31 March 1986 are taken from accounts filed with the Registrar of Companies and the audited report was unaudited. The figures for the six months ended 30 September 1986 have been adjusted in accordance with accounting policies adopted in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 1986.
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Jan 87	85.61	85.64	85.57	85.61	1000
Feb 87	85.65	85.68	85.61	85.65	1000
Mar 87	85.69	85.72	85.62	85.69	1000
Apr 87	85.73	85.76	85.66	85.73	1000
May 87	85.77	85.80	85.70	85.77	1000
Jun 87	85.81	85.84	85.74	85.81	1000
Jul 87	85.85	85.88	85.78	85.85	1000
Aug 87	85.89	85.92	85.82	85.89	1000
Sep 87	85.93	85.96	85.86	85.93	1000
Oct 87	85.97	86.00	85.90	85.97	1000
Nov 87	86.01	86.04	85.94	86.01	1000
Dec 87	86.05	86.08	85.98	86.05	1000
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May 88	86.25	86.28	86.18	86.25	1000
Jun 88	86.29	86.32	86.22	86.29	1000
Jul 88	86.33	86.36	86.26	86.33	1000
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Mar 89	86.65	86.68	86.58	86.65	1000
Apr 89	86.69	86.72	86.62	86.69	1000
May 89	86.73	86.76	86.66	86.73	1000
Jun 89	86.77	86.80	86.70	86.77	1000
Jul 89	86.81	86.84	86.74	86.81	1000
Aug 89	86.85	86.88	86.78	86.85	1000
Sep 89	86.89	86.92	86.82	86.89	1000
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Aug 91	87.81	87.84	87.74	87.81	1000
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Oct 01	92.69	92.72	92.62	92.69	1000
Nov 01	92.73	92.76	92.66	92.73	1000
Dec 01	92.77	92.80	92.70	92.77	1000
Jan 02	92.81	92.84	92.74	92.81	1000
Feb 02	92.85	92.88	92.78	92.85	1000
Mar 02	92.89	92.92	92.82	92.89	1000
Apr 02	92.93	92.96	92.86	92.93	1000
May 02	92.97	93.00	92.90	92.97	1000
Jun 02	93.01	93.04	92.94	93.01	1000
Jul 02	93.05	93.08	92.98	93.05	1000
Aug 02	93.09	93.12	93.02	93.09	1000
Sep 02	93.13	93.16	93.06	93.13	1000

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Firm start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end December 19. Contango day December 22. Settlement day January 5.

Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E are calculated on the middle price.

Portfolio - Gold -

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	SA Breweries	Breweries	
2	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
3	Hanting	Oil	
4	Nat Aust Bk	Banks/Discount	
5	Prest Marine	Property	
6	Countrywide	Building/Roads	
7	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
8	Headlam Sins	Shoes/Leather	
9	Stockhouse	Draperies/Stores	
10	Terrill	Building/Roads	
11	Alton Mead	Paper/Printing	
12	Centrovital	Property	
13	Electro	Electricals	
14	Crownier (J)	Textiles	
15	Raynes (Charles)	Industrials A-D	
16	Deanna	Electricals	
17	Colson Gp	Industrials A-D	
18	Reed Int	Industrials L-R	
19	Ranworth	Industrials A-D	
20	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building/Roads	
21	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
22	Sand & Simpson 'A'	Draperies/Stores	
23	Caffery	Motor/Vehicles	
24	RMC	Building/Roads	
25	UEI	Electricals	
26	Reco	Industrials E-K	
27	Magnet & South	Building/Roads	
28	Particlar	Property	
29	Socorior	Industrials S-Z	
30	Phoenix Timber	Building/Roads	
31	LDH	Industrials L-R	
32	Porter Chadburn	Industrials L-R	
33	Barclays	Banks/Discount	
34	CASE	Electricals	
35	Clestone	Industrials A-D	
36	Socion	Industrials A-D	
37	Western Bros	Building/Roads	
38	Granada	Industrials E-K	
39	Goring Korr	Industrials E-K	
40	Disons Gp	Draperies/Stores	
41	Cape Ind	Industrials A-D	
42	Macro 4	Electricals	
43	Harris Queensway	Draperies/Stores	
44	Chayton Son	Industrials A-D	

Please take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £16,000 in Saturday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL

BRITISH FUNDS

High Low Stock Price Change %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

No.	Company	Price	Change	%
100	SA Breweries	100.00	0.00	0.0
101	Swire Pacific 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
102	Hanting	100.00	0.00	0.0
103	Nat Aust Bk	100.00	0.00	0.0
104	Prest Marine	100.00	0.00	0.0
105	Countrywide	100.00	0.00	0.0
106	Wyndham Eng	100.00	0.00	0.0
107	Headlam Sins	100.00	0.00	0.0
108	Stockhouse	100.00	0.00	0.0
109	Terrill	100.00	0.00	0.0
110	Alton Mead	100.00	0.00	0.0
111	Centrovital	100.00	0.00	0.0
112	Electro	100.00	0.00	0.0
113	Crownier (J)	100.00	0.00	0.0
114	Raynes (Charles)	100.00	0.00	0.0
115	Deanna	100.00	0.00	0.0
116	Colson Gp	100.00	0.00	0.0
117	Reed Int	100.00	0.00	0.0
118	Ranworth	100.00	0.00	0.0
119	Jarvis (J) & Sons	100.00	0.00	0.0
120	Transcontinental	100.00	0.00	0.0
121	Sand & Simpson 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
122	Caffery	100.00	0.00	0.0
123	RMC	100.00	0.00	0.0
124	UEI	100.00	0.00	0.0
125	Reco	100.00	0.00	0.0
126	Magnet & South	100.00	0.00	0.0
127	Particlar	100.00	0.00	0.0
128	Socorior	100.00	0.00	0.0
129	Phoenix Timber	100.00	0.00	0.0
130	LDH	100.00	0.00	0.0
131	Porter Chadburn	100.00	0.00	0.0
132	Barclays	100.00	0.00	0.0
133	CASE	100.00	0.00	0.0
134	Clestone	100.00	0.00	0.0
135	Socion	100.00	0.00	0.0
136	Western Bros	100.00	0.00	0.0
137	Granada	100.00	0.00	0.0
138	Goring Korr	100.00	0.00	0.0
139	Disons Gp	100.00	0.00	0.0
140	Cape Ind	100.00	0.00	0.0
141	Macro 4	100.00	0.00	0.0
142	Harris Queensway	100.00	0.00	0.0
143	Chayton Son	100.00	0.00	0.0

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

No.	Company	Price	Change	%
150	SA Breweries	100.00	0.00	0.0
151	Swire Pacific 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
152	Hanting	100.00	0.00	0.0
153	Nat Aust Bk	100.00	0.00	0.0
154	Prest Marine	100.00	0.00	0.0
155	Countrywide	100.00	0.00	0.0
156	Wyndham Eng	100.00	0.00	0.0
157	Headlam Sins	100.00	0.00	0.0
158	Stockhouse	100.00	0.00	0.0
159	Terrill	100.00	0.00	0.0
160	Alton Mead	100.00	0.00	0.0
161	Centrovital	100.00	0.00	0.0
162	Electro	100.00	0.00	0.0
163	Crownier (J)	100.00	0.00	0.0
164	Raynes (Charles)	100.00	0.00	0.0
165	Deanna	100.00	0.00	0.0
166	Colson Gp	100.00	0.00	0.0
167	Reed Int	100.00	0.00	0.0
168	Ranworth	100.00	0.00	0.0
169	Jarvis (J) & Sons	100.00	0.00	0.0
170	Transcontinental	100.00	0.00	0.0
171	Sand & Simpson 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
172	Caffery	100.00	0.00	0.0
173	RMC	100.00	0.00	0.0
174	UEI	100.00	0.00	0.0
175	Reco	100.00	0.00	0.0
176	Magnet & South	100.00	0.00	0.0
177	Particlar	100.00	0.00	0.0
178	Socorior	100.00	0.00	0.0
179	Phoenix Timber	100.00	0.00	0.0
180	LDH	100.00	0.00	0.0
181	Porter Chadburn	100.00	0.00	0.0
182	Barclays	100.00	0.00	0.0
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184	Clestone	100.00	0.00	0.0
185	Socion	100.00	0.00	0.0
186	Western Bros	100.00	0.00	0.0
187	Granada	100.00	0.00	0.0
188	Goring Korr	100.00	0.00	0.0
189	Disons Gp	100.00	0.00	0.0
190	Cape Ind	100.00	0.00	0.0
191	Macro 4	100.00	0.00	0.0
192	Harris Queensway	100.00	0.00	0.0
193	Chayton Son	100.00	0.00	0.0

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

No.	Company	Price	Change	%
200	SA Breweries	100.00	0.00	0.0
201	Swire Pacific 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
202	Hanting	100.00	0.00	0.0
203	Nat Aust Bk	100.00	0.00	0.0
204	Prest Marine	100.00	0.00	0.0
205	Countrywide	100.00	0.00	0.0
206	Wyndham Eng	100.00	0.00	0.0
207	Headlam Sins	100.00	0.00	0.0
208	Stockhouse	100.00	0.00	0.0
209	Terrill	100.00	0.00	0.0
210	Alton Mead	100.00	0.00	0.0
211	Centrovital	100.00	0.00	0.0
212	Electro	100.00	0.00	0.0
213	Crownier (J)	100.00	0.00	0.0
214	Raynes (Charles)	100.00	0.00	0.0
215	Deanna	100.00	0.00	0.0
216	Colson Gp	100.00	0.00	0.0
217	Reed Int	100.00	0.00	0.0
218	Ranworth	100.00	0.00	0.0
219	Jarvis (J) & Sons	100.00	0.00	0.0
220	Transcontinental	100.00	0.00	0.0
221	Sand & Simpson 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
222	Caffery	100.00	0.00	0.0
223	RMC	100.00	0.00	0.0
224	UEI	100.00	0.00	0.0
225	Reco	100.00	0.00	0.0
226	Magnet & South	100.00	0.00	0.0
227	Particlar	100.00	0.00	0.0
228	Socorior	100.00	0.00	0.0
229	Phoenix Timber	100.00	0.00	0.0
230	LDH	100.00	0.00	0.0
231	Porter Chadburn	100.00	0.00	0.0
232	Barclays	100.00	0.00	0.0
233	CASE	100.00	0.00	0.0
234	Clestone	100.00	0.00	0.0
235	Socion	100.00	0.00	0.0
236	Western Bros	100.00	0.00	0.0
237	Granada	100.00	0.00	0.0
238	Goring Korr	100.00	0.00	0.0
239	Disons Gp	100.00	0.00	0.0
240	Cape Ind	100.00	0.00	0.0
241	Macro 4	100.00	0.00	0.0
242	Harris Queensway	100.00	0.00	0.0
243	Chayton Son	100.00	0.00	0.0

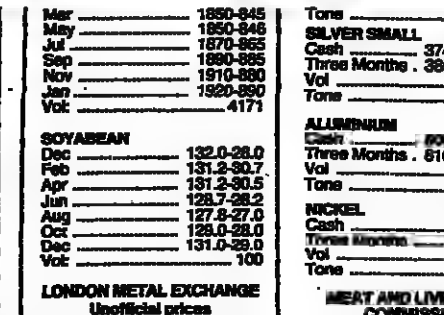
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No.	Company	Price	Change	%
250	SA Breweries	100.00	0.00	0.0
251	Swire Pacific 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
252	Hanting	100.00	0.00	0.0
253	Nat Aust Bk	100.00	0.00	0.0
254	Prest Marine	100.00	0.00	0.0
255	Countrywide	100.00	0.00	0.0
256	Wyndham Eng	100.00	0.00	0.0
257	Headlam Sins	100.00	0.00	0.0
258	Stockhouse	100.00	0.00	0.0
259	Terrill	100.00	0.00	0.0
260	Alton Mead	100.00	0.00	0.0
261	Centrovital	100.00	0.00	0.0
262	Electro	100.00	0.00	0.0
263	Crownier (J)	100.00	0.00	0.0
264	Raynes (Charles)	100.00	0.00	0.0
265	Deanna	100.00	0.00	0.0
266	Colson Gp	100.00	0.00	0.0
267	Reed Int	100.00	0.00	0.0
268	Ranworth	100.00	0.00	0.0
269	Jarvis (J) & Sons	100.00	0.00	0.0
270	Transcontinental	100.00	0.00	0.0
271	Sand & Simpson 'A'	100.00	0.00	0.0
272	Caffery	100.00	0.00	0.0
273	RMC	100.00	0.00	0.0
274	UEI	100.00	0.00	0.0
275	Reco	100.00	0.00	0.0
276	Magnet & South	100.00	0.00	0.0
277	Particlar	100.00	0.00	0.0
278	Socorior	100.00	0.00	0.0
279	Phoenix Timber	100.00	0.00	0.0
280	LDH	100.00	0.00	0.0
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302	100% Treas	2001	59%	-1	3.1	3.94
303	95% Treas	2008	98%	-	3.2	3.89
304	93% Treas	2012	101%	-1	3.2	3.78
305	96% Treas	2006	96%	-	3.2	3.75
306	92% Treas	2009	96%	-1	3.2	3.62
307	97% Treas	2011	102	-1	3.2	3.68
308	79% Treas	2013	85%	-2	3.2	3.61
309	82% Treas	2016	92%	-1	3.2	3.61
310	87% Treas	2018 A	92%	-1	3.2	3.51
311	90% Treas	2018	93%	-1	3.2	3.49

Commodity	Price	High	Low	Vol	P/Z
Chicago Cattle	84	85 1/2	83 1/2	2.8	84.4
Chicago Hogs	44	45 1/2	42 1/2	3.0	44.4
Chicago Sheep	111	112 1/2	110 1/2	2.5	111.4
Chicago Corn	80 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2	3.0	80.4
Chicago Soybeans	111	112 1/2	110 1/2	2.5	111.4
Chicago Wheat	148	149 1/2	146 1/2	2.5	148.4
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Chicago Sugar	111	112 1/2	110 1/2	2.5	111.4
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Chicago Flax	111	112 1/2	110 1/2	2.5	111.4
Chicago Hemp	111	112 1/2	110 1/2	2.5	111.4
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Jan	110.36	111.59		
Feb	113.45	114.83		
Mar	115.50	114.35		
Jul	117.50			
Sep	101.50	100.65		
Oct	103.70	103.35		
Vot Wheat			27	
Barley			15	

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

	K per tonne	Close
Month	Open	Close
Feb	110.30	111.00
Apr	102.00	105.80
May	115.00	117.20
Nov	89.00	87.00
		Vol: 528

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	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	675.00-670.00	675.00
Apr 87	700.00-690.00	695.00
Jul 87	690.00-690.00	690.00
Nov 87	700.00-700.00	700.00
Vol: 51 tons		Open Inter: 1928

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710.00, down 5.00 5/12/86

Merger plan for ailing unit

Honeywell has signed an understanding by which its ailing Information Systems computer unit will be jointly owned with Groupe Bull of France and NEC of Japan.

If the deal is completed, the joint venture would be the first multi-national partnership selling computers in the United States and would create the world's third-largest computer company after IBM and Unisys, the company formed by the merger of Burroughs and Sperry.

Bull and Minneapolis-based Honeywell would each own 42.5 per cent of the joint company, with Bull being the controlling partner, and NEC having a 15 per cent stake. At the end of 1988, Honeywell would have the option of reducing its stake in the venture to 19.9 per cent.

Honeywell said it would get a \$500 million cash infusion as part of the deal. A definitive agreement is expected by March 31 next year, subject to required approvals.

Due partly to the deal, Honeywell will take charges resulting in substantial fourth-quarter and full-year losses.

The proposed joint venture, which will have had adjusted 1985 revenues of \$1.85 billion, will market the complete Honeywell Information Systems line of mainframe, mini-computer and microcomputer products in the United States and abroad. It will also market Bull and NEC products.

The three companies have been negotiating since September but have gone to great efforts to keep the details under wraps.

Analysts say the venture represents a major effort by Honeywell to revive its computer business, which has been losing market share to IBM and numerous other competitors for years and now ranks only 15th in worldwide computer sales.

In 1985, Information Systems earned \$200 million on sales of \$1.9 billion. Those figures represented 34 per cent of total company profits and 29 per cent of total sales.

This year's profits are not expected to exceed \$100 million. Because overall profits have declined 39 per cent so far this year, Honeywell has also been restructuring its control systems operations and looking for ways to expand its lucrative military business.

The company already has close ties with its joint-venture partners. NEC, the world's largest semiconductor maker, supplies Honeywell with microprocessors and distributes computer products in Japan. NEC has been keen to grab a large share of the American market, where it currently sells only telephone systems and computer peripherals.

Honeywell has a 5 per cent interest in Bull, which sells Honeywell and Bull information systems in 75 countries. The French company was founded by Charles de Gaulle as a symbol of France's technological independence.

Strange bedfellows fighting for survival

THE WEEK

By Geoff Wheelwright

Some distinctly odd couplings have suddenly become all the rage in the computer industry. In an effort to stem the tide of an industry shake-out and protect both market position and jobs, companies are talking about strategic alliances as a solution to their problems.

IBM, for example, recently signed a new technology agreement with Intel at a time when it was rumoured to be moving away from the use of Intel's computer-chip design in its business computers.

At the other end of the scale, Acorn, the Cambridge-based maker of the BBC Micro, has been co-operating with majority shareholder Olivetti and other European micro firms to try and develop alternative computer standards.

Last week, Texas Instruments, the biggest American manufacturer of semiconductors, announced it is looking for co-operative agreements with other manufacturers worldwide. A vice-president has been installed purely to create tie-ups.

Last week also saw Honeywell move towards putting its Information Systems division into joint ownership with Bull and NEC (see story left).

Alliances can take the form of joint research and development plans, and in the recent case of Burroughs and Sperry, now Unisys, it was full-scale takeover.

The latter is obviously a fairly extreme way to form such an alliance, though it must be said that many small information technology companies are currently offering themselves for sale to larger firms as a way of surviving.

These partnerships are interpreted by some to be part of the natural maturing process for a young industry that has, from its inception, been marked by the development of proprietary products which will not work together.

It seems all the more strange to see such formerly parochial firms

now working alongside one another towards what at last looks like some effort at establishing worldwide computing standards.

There are, however, some companies which seem natural partners in this new and enlightened environment — namely software and hardware firms.

One such noteworthy alliance was announced last week in Paris where Cognos, the Canadian systems software house, announced a link-up with Data General, the computer hardware firm, for the purpose of selling the fashionable concept of "complete solutions", which in this case comprises computers and a Cognos fourth-generation computer programming language.

In this instance, the companies

and products involved in the team-up itself are probably not as important as the fact that such a pooling of resources needed to take place at all.

After all, Data General is a large and respected enough hardware firm, not its own research and development department would surely be looking at ways of exploiting such programming languages.

Cognos has been successful in making its way so far without such overt team-ups.

Mike Potter, chairman of Cognos, explained: "We have recognized the need for there being a strong relationship between software producers and hardware vendors. Customers are screaming for the integration of software and hardware products."

He added that such alliances may also be one way of easing the pain of the shake-out the whole computer industry has been experiencing.

While things may look rosy for Cognos and Data General, alliances are often enough still a method of merely surviving.

If such team-ups are to go beyond just survival tactics, however, they have to really represent a comprehensive union of both marketing and research-development.

In-house research teams may be wary of linking with competing firms, or simply worry that research will be unnecessarily duplicated.

In some types of software research, however, several teams looking at the same problem from different angles can actually produce benefits — rather than simple duplication and wastage.

Strategic alliance specialists call this the lottery theory of research and development, where the more parts of an alliance that throw their weight behind a problem, the greater the chance of picking a winning solution out of the development bin.

Headhunters set their sights on a new target

A lot of senior data-processing managers have been getting mystery phone calls lately. While they have never met the callers, the people on the line know plenty about them, and have heard of a job they might like to think about.

Headhunters, whose traditional targets have been senior finance and marketing executives, now have top information technology managers within their sights.

The reasons are various. Anthony Spurr, who manages the executive search and selection division at BIS Applied Systems, reckons that the huge growth in the finance and retail sectors in particular has produced a demand for difficult-to-find IT specialists who combine technological know-how with business awareness.

"It is also difficult to seek out data-processing people in the 35-40 age range who have good experience of advanced systems and are still young enough and keen enough to take on new challenges," said Mr Spurr.

JOBS SCENE

By Pat Sweet

Christopher Mill, who set up his executive search consultancy in 1977 after spells as personnel director at Honeywell and Memorex, says that many companies contact headhunters when they have identified a need for some kind of change.

"In some organizations the ability to move into new markets or to introduce new products depends on the effective use of technology. In areas such as banking or insurance the ability to deliver to a customer or to process the administration of a new product depends on the information technology systems being in place," said Mr Mill.

Headhunters are most frequently called in when companies are trying to find someone who has moved on from an operations and implementation role and demonstrated experience at a strategic level which will translate to their business.

"We want to get to people who are doing a good job and are probably too busy doing



The headhunters: Christopher Mill, left, and Ian Ashworth, both specialists in information technology appointments

that job well to think of applying for another," explained Ian Ashworth whose company also specialises in information technology appointments.

Mr Ashworth argues that the headhunter's fixed fee which is usually around £14,000 or one-third of the first year's salary, compares favourably with the cost of a major advertising campaign.

But headhunting techniques are usually reserved for more senior positions where the responsibility and scarcity value are greater. Most headhunters only take on jobs with salaries of £30,000 upwards.

Once the headhunter has met with the client and found out what the job involves and what sort of candidate is needed, the next task is researching likely applicants.

Mr Ashworth cites three possible sources: people who are known within the industry and look likely to be able to do the job, people in the industry who know of someone or can suggest someone who would know and a list of organizations where someone is already doing a similar job.

Mr Spurr agrees that sound industry knowledge is crucial since looking for IT executives throws up problems not normally found in executive searches.

"Conventionally, head-

hunting works on the principle that successful companies breed successful executives, so you can judge a finance director, say, by the state of the balance sheet. You can also expect the client to be capable of interviewing the applicant thoroughly and assessing his track record," Mr Spurr claimed.

But a company's excellent results may have little to do with its data-processing strategy. In order to assess the applicant's true abilities, all headhunters put candidates through a battery of technical and business interviews.

"That way we can find out whether a candidate's good ideas are always blocked by the board or whether in fact he just wasn't up to the task. We have also occasionally in the past checked people's claimed qualifications when they did not seem to match up with their answers in technical interviews," Mr Ashworth said.

Mr Mill also concedes that one of the most difficult tasks is evaluating the contribution of data processing executive has made to a company. "But there are people who can help with the judgement, for example former bosses, suppliers and of course the press. People who take pride in their work are often keen to talk about it in articles," he said.

After cross-checking references, past experience and former colleagues, headhunters present a shortlist of three or four candidates to the client. From then on, personal chemistry usually dictates who gets the job.

As well as the well publicized shortage of data-processing executives in the banking world, Mr Mill pointed to the manufacturing sector as an area where IT skills are in heavy demand.

"It is not just in the areas of computer integrated manufacturing (CIM) but in finding people who understand the difference between introducing a package on a technological level and what it will mean for a company's whole structure, costs and way of doing business. People who understand the computing end and the business end are like gold dust," Mr Mill maintained.

Headhunters are also called in when companies want a particular combination of skills.

Mr Mill's own company was recently asked to find someone with a strong background in international management information systems (MIS) for a business owned by 31 member governments.

As well as a strong commercial sense, the applicant had to be happy working in a rather civil servantish organization. The person also needed a good understanding of international telecommunications regulatory issues and be prepared to work based in the US.

A two-and-a-half month search produced a shortlist of applicants from Korea, Belgium, Sweden, Britain and France.

But looking in the most obvious places is not necessarily the headhunter's job. "What drives a consultant up

the wall is being asked to find an imaginative, forward-thinking super MIS director for a City institution — and being told to try Bank of America, Citibank or Chase Manhattan," Mr Mill said.

"If you do that you're concentrating on an already depleted skills resource and simply moving a finite resource around faster," he added.

Instead, most headhunters try and look laterally. Many have found that the new City systems, with their stress on high-volume transactions requiring daily settlements are very akin to the systems run by MIS directors in major retailers and stores who handle daily stock and order positions.

Data-processing managers who want to catch the headhunter's eye can of course send in a C.V. which, if they are very lucky, may fit one of the assignments on the books at the time.

The alternative is to keep within the public eye, maintaining a prominent position in industry circles through articles or speeches. "That doesn't mean only the flamboyant succeed — you still need good solid achievement — but it is in the nature of our job that we ask people about your professional reputation," said Mr Mills.

IBM to chip in on 386 boom

By Matthew May

Next year IBM is expected to announce a range of new personal computers based on Intel's advanced 386 chip. But for once the world's largest computer company and the originator of the boom in personal computers is joining the bandwagon a little late.

Compaq, the IBM-compatible manufacturer, and a few other firms have already announced machines based on the 386 chip; Compaq's starts at about £6,000.

The new machines promise big increases in speed, the ability to handle much bigger computer memories and to run several programs at once. They will, say their advocates, eventually enable PCs to handle work currently requiring minicomputers.

For customers of the current breed of personal computers the news is not necessarily good; they are already worried about comments that by this time next year the PC/AT and XT machines and the myriad of clones could well be considered yesterday's technology and that development work will switch to products for 386-based machines.

But while 386 computers will put in frequent appearances next year it is likely to be some time before much software, particularly a new version of the MS-DOS operating system, is developed to take full advantage of the new chip and use the extra power to make them simpler to use.

Until then the demand for 386 machines is likely to be limited to so-called power users who simply need increased speed on existing programs.

Against this is the fact that the 386 machines will happily run all the programs written for XT and ATs making it technically, though perhaps not financially, easy to move up to a new machine.

For the makers of IBM-compatible PCs the more worrying concern is whether IBM will be able to build in special customized chips to the new range that make them difficult to clone.

Data specialists told to heed frustrated users

The computer industry should spend less time listening to itself and more time heeding the demands of its users, says a government-backed report released last week.

The report, *Top Executives and Information Technology - Disappointed Expectations*, suggests that both suppliers and data-processing specialists are failing to deliver what Britain's top managers want from information technology.

It further charges that the major handicap to solving this problem is a lack of appreciation of how managers work. The report says: "The chief obstacles to the more effective use of information technology are human and organizational rather than technical."

The compilers say that in interviewing 19 top managers and studying 107 questionnaires from leading executives, they encountered a good deal of frustration with technology that managers could see as helpful but did not use because it was not easy for them to do so.

The report was part of a two-stage study by the industry research group EOSYS backed by the Department of Trade and Industry's Information Technology Awareness Programme.

David Firnberg, EOSYS managing director, says he was surprised at just how frustrated interviewees were in using their equipment, even those working in the industry.

Typical user comments included suggestions that "time comes in short slices and there is no time to fight the technol-

ogy; it is easier to ask someone for information than to use the system".

He suggests, for example, that data processing specialists will design a corporate database system that allows managers to get at all the company data from anywhere on the system at any time — but that is not how managers work.

Mr Firnberg says that corporate databases should give managers the power to retrieve easily the information they need for day-to-day work and not try to make the whole system so big and comprehensive that it's difficult to use.

The survey follows another report which shows an almost contradictory trend. Published last week by the research group IDC and *Computer Weekly* it claims the UK has the fastest growing expenditure on data-processing of any country in Europe.

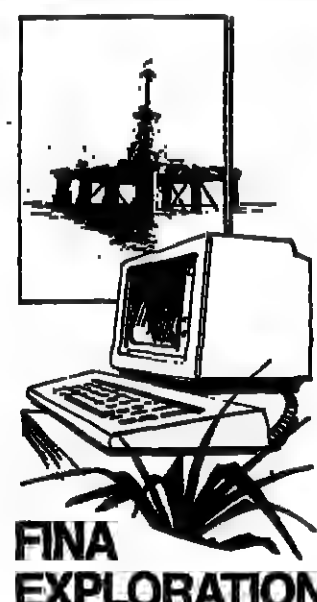
The UK spent £12.3 billion on data-processing in 1985, an increase of 22 per cent on the previous year. This represents a faster growth than Germany or France and shows an increase of 6 per cent over the 16 per cent annual increase forecast for the UK between 1984 and 1990.

When you start looking at where the money was spent, however, it seems that the report might back-up what EOSYS found.

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US threats start to escalate

The United States, alleging that Japan is selling cut-price microchips to compete against it in world markets, has threatened to retaliate by revoking an agreement that excuses Japanese chips from American import duties.

Last week the US repeated to Japanese officials a threat, made last month that it would revoke a July 31 agreement on the trade in semi-conductors if Japan did not begin to adhere to it by the end of this month.

American officials say Japanese semi-conductor prices have risen in the US market and they realize it will take time to win new Japanese markets for US firms, but they see no sign of rising prices for Japanese microchips in other countries where these compete with US products.

In some lucrative Asian markets, they said, Japan had stepped up sales. US officials said there were several options if Japan did not conform.

They said they included duties on Japanese semi-conductor shipments and duties on shipments of other Japanese goods equal to the amount of business US firms were losing.

When travel incentives begin to pall

Virtue may be its own reward, but the computer professional is as interested in perks as the next man. At certain levels there are not many obvious ones, apart from copious free supplies of green-and-white striped paper for the children to scribble on.

Foreign travel, however, is a distinct possibility. Staff who specialize in particular aspects of a company's data processing

INCENTIVES

By David Guest

ing set-up, quickly make themselves very important to their employers.

They also become automatic candidates to attend meetings at which the hardware or programs they use are discussed by groups of like-minded individuals.

This can lead in some instances to foreign parts, as witnessed last week by the Focus users' association - Fuse - in Munich. Focus is a fourth generation language, an aid used to take on much of the programmer's donkey work.

This makes it a technician's tool, and the 250 delegates to Fuse Europe '86 were not

executives on an unofficial holiday. Some were even capable of exchanging private damp squibs in Focus-speak.

It cost their employers something approaching £1,000 per head to send them to Munich and sustain them there for the three days of the conference. Few saw it as a reward, a bribe or even a perk.

One Focus expert of an East Anglian insurance company declared he had been forced to attend. But from an employer's point of view, three days in a city of beer, if not skittles, must represent another credit on the balance sheet.

Key computer personnel have to keep happy or the jobs are in jeopardy. While they are away to some more caring employer's charge.

The glamour of an international conference is largely spurious, modern hotels are peculiarly stateless, and the venue for the Fuse meeting was a £5 taxi ride from the centre of Munich. But its purpose was, after all, business above pleasure.

The invitation promised "an exciting and information-packed program that will be of benefit to all Focus users". Excitement takes different



forms but the organizers made good their second promise with two and a half days of presentations and talks.

These ran in two parallel streams, divided roughly between Focus users talking about their experiences and

Information Builders (IBI), the supplier of Focus, talking about its products.

Fuse incidentally is independent of IBI, and IBI delegates paid their DM 1,200 registration fee like anybody else.

IBI used the occasion to talk about planned product enhancements. These, like the proposed link between Focus and Ashton-Tate's popular dBase programs, gave users the chance to respond on the spot. Fuse for its part presented the supplier with a list of the improvements that the users wanted.

Not that the delegates were totally spoon-fed. Two streams of presentations required two rooms, and only one had simultaneous translations available - in English, French and German, leaving Italian and Scandinavian attendees to fend for themselves. This left speakers like Herr Kneupel of Audi with a limited audience.

Most perks attract some kind of duty. Perhaps foreign travel is, after all, an ambiguous benefit - but it is still better than a diet of waste printout and half-used coding pencils.

Predictions that point to prospects

TRENDS

By Eddie Conner

If you want to stand the best chance of being in a growth area of computing in the 1990's then you will probably be either a chief analyst, programmer or networking communications controller working in the financial and business sector.

This is one of the predictions made from an analysis of staff trends in the latest salary survey conducted by the National Computing Centre, which, for the first time also contains some specific guidelines to existing skills shortages.

Best growth prospects are likely to be in companies with at least 75 staff in a computer department, and are based in London or the south east. You may well work with both IBM and DEC equipment in a distributed processing environment with a high level of database usage.

Promotion prospects to data processing management, however, will not be abundant but may well be enhanced by a knowledge of the business area you work in.

Network specialists are likely to be outnumbered by at least four to one by analysts, programmers, and two and a half to one by systems analysts, but their numbers will be growing at a faster rate.

For those looking north of the border a switch from analyst programming or some other DP area some time around 1988 into networking, may be advisable as demand

quoted in a number of instances.

Some 98 vacancies specified ICL experience, but this is not thought to be surprising due to the generally high number of vacancies in the public sector which has three times as many vacancies as any other sector and a predominance of ICL computers.

Overall the greatest number of current vacancies are for analyst programmers, a trend which will continue with a forecast growth of 46 per cent over the next five years.

Network staff increased by 28 per cent in the last year and this job category is forecast to continue, growing by 41 per cent in the next two years and by 86 per cent by 1991.

Demand for systems programmers and technical support staff is also growing fairly quickly, increasing by 36 per cent over the next five years.

Systems analysis is another area that is expected to grow substantially by 1991, particularly in finance which will increase by 81 per cent. In this area in the south of England the number of systems analysts will almost double over the period.

There are considerable differences expected for the future depending on department size. In companies with departments of between 21

Job category	% left 1985	% joined 1985	% unfilled 1985	% growth 1985-90	% growth 1985-91
DP management	9.0	7.4	1.3	2.6	8.3
Systems analyst	17.1	13.3	13.0	2.8	30.3
Analyst programmer	18.1	20.1	13.3	4.4	44.0
Programmer	20.6	25.6	13.3	2.4	13.2
System programmer	13.6	15.9	9.5	12.2	36.3
Network staff	7.2	12.9	5.5	27.7	85.5
Operations	13.5	11.9	2.6	-1.9	-0.3
Data preparation	19.0	10.5	2.1	-8.0	-31.2

Source: National Computing Centre

for such skills is predicted to rise by 1,600 per cent by 1991.

Wherever high technology staff are based they would be wise to steer clear of any involvement with data preparation or computer operations - both seen as fast declining areas.

These pointers to the skills that computer staff should be getting their teeth into, were analyzed from the response to questions asking for details of skills likely to be needed over the next few years.

Of the 579 computer installations surveyed, current problems included 284 posts requiring experience of a computer language, that employers are finding difficult to fill.

Apart from languages, experience of a particular manufacturer's machine and operating system are most frequently quoted, with all most 400 unfilled vacancies.

Half of the current vacancies are for analyst programmers and programmers with experience of COBOL and RPG III.

Database experience - particularly in a number of database languages - is wanted for 82 vacancies with IDMS, DLI and PLI being

and 75 computer staff the likelihood of employment for systems analysts, programmers and technical staff is at its highest.

In larger sized departments with over 75 staff, only analyst programmers and network staff show significant probabilities of substantial growth.

Data processing management growth for departments of over 75 people shows the greatest management potential, but this will be a slow 9.5 per cent in the next five years.

Only departments with 11 to 20 staff are expected to demand a higher (13 per cent) increase in data processing managers.

Prospects for staff growth in the various industries predict that finance and business will lead the way followed by manufacturing and engineering.

The one area it seems that computer staff should certainly avoid for the next few years is systems analysis or programming in the distribution and catering industries. The number of employees in those categories are expected to decrease by almost 15 per cent and 20 per cent.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Chess unites rivals

Arch-rivals IBM and DEC last week happily demonstrated how their products can work in tandem. They came together at the MAP - manufacturing automation protocol - exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry to encourage computer firms and suppliers to show how their differing equipment can be compatible. Unlike some more pragmatic firms which showed co-operation in factory-line assembly, the IBM-DEC exhibit was a jointly-operated robot playing chess. Not surprisingly, the pre-planned games always resulted in a face-saving draw.

Contract computer analysts cost their employers £800 to £900 a week according to the latest Computer Users' Year Book. Programmers push them close with £500 to £800 per week. Growth areas, says the directory, are the 100 listed public database services - a threefold increase this year - and training services with 700 extra courses described. With the standard of documentation in computing only slowly improving, the book also includes a new section on companies handling technical authorship. Published by VNU Business Publications, the directory costs £280.

The European Economic Community has approved a directive to protect semiconductor from unauthorized imitations. The 12 EEC member states must now adopt similar legislation on a national basis. The move follows a request from the United States whose laws applying to European products expire after November 1987.

France is now unlikely to sell its second-biggest telephone switching firm, the state-owned Cie Générale de Construction Téléphonique (CGCT), to overseas buyers. The French government, which plans to privatize the loss-making concern, is likely to stick to a rule under the denationalization law which bans the sale of more than 20 per cent of a French company to foreign investors. The government has held up approval for AT&T to take over CGCT's 16 per cent share of the French public telephone switching market. AT&T is now preparing new proposals in accordance with the ruling.

Anyone considering buying a Commodore Amiga computer in the run up to Christmas should be aware of a special scheme which reduces the price from £1,500 to £1,000. Though theoretically only for existing Commodore users, several dealers are willing to give the discount to anybody. Even purchasing a Commodore 64C for around £200 would qualify. Its advanced technical features but is stuck with being too expensive for most as a home computer, and not ideal as a general business computer compared with competitors. Further price cuts are expected next year.

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Company: A highly respected, multi-million pound company whose interests cover the fields of manufacturing, finance, commerce and defence.

Position: New Technical Consultants are required to give high level technical support to the sales team, providing technical advice and information at presentations and demonstrations and further advice training where necessary.

Experience: Outstanding individuals with at least eight months experience of manufacturing and/or technical systems. Knowledge of VME or Intel Pentium based systems and the latest IBM mainframes. It is a fast growing environment, you will spend 60% of your time in house and 40% on Client sites.

Benefits: Excellent salary, a strong professional background, the candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills, and some previous experience in the non-Sales positions. Career, in a fast growing environment are ideally suited to this position, preferably using structured techniques in required. Life Assurance experience would be advantageous.

General: These positions offer excellent opportunities for candidates wishing to move into consultancy and/or sales. This user location skills. Benefits include company car and relocation where required, with first-class opportunities for promotion.

REF: TX 2689

IBM DEVELOPMENT ALL LEVELS SURREY TO £20k + BENEFITS

Company: One of the UK's leading supplier of Life Assurance software, are rapidly expanding their Head Office in Surrey and require self-motivated individuals to add to their continued success.

Position: Analysts, Programmers, Business Analysts, Project Leaders and Managers are needed for the development of the insurance company's software. The IBM team is the largest IBM team in the UK. The environment, you will spend 60% of your time in house and 40% on Client sites.

Experience: Ideally from a strong professional background, the candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills, and some previous experience in the non-Sales positions. Career, in a fast growing environment are ideally suited to this position, preferably using structured techniques in required. Life Assurance experience would be advantageous.

General: In excellent opportunity to make a name for yourself by contributing to the success of the well established software house. Generous benefits, high salary and a dynamic young company need you.

REF: TS 0815

IBM TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONSULTANTS MIDDX £15-22k + CAR + BENEFITS

Company: A large independent software supplier offering multiple products designed to meet a wide range of processing requirements. These products are world renowned and responsible for the company's phenomenal expansion of recent years.

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Experience: In all cases a good technical applications background is required. Upwards of three years DP experience in an IBM environment with emphasis on IMS, DOS/VSE or CMS operating systems, COBOL, or any 4th Generation language with CICS, PL/I, DB2, IMS DB/DC etc. The positions will suit good applications programmers with a strong technical bias or a Systems Programmer with a good applications knowledge wishing to move into a consultancy type role.

General: In order to maintain the current rate of progress the company demands the highest standards. The reward is an above average salary with benefits including a car and the opportunity to work with an award winning range of software acclaimed by industry experts and users alike.

REF: TO 2679

IBM MVS, VSE & VM SPECIALIST FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT SUSSEX £16-22k + CAR

Company: Successful UK company developing systems software products for IBM mainframes. Continued expansion has created the need for additional technical staff to support operations throughout the UK.

Position: Systems Programmers or Engineers who may now be frustrated and are looking for the opportunity to move to a support role. We need a range of people up to Technical Support Specialists to meet clients and solve their problems.

Experience: Minimum of 12 months as Systems Programmer in one or more of the following: VM, VSE, MVS/VSX, CICS, DB2, PL/I, DB2, IMS DB/DC, JES2/3. Also Programmer/Analyst with minimum DOS/VSE experience to be involved in conversions to MVS from any other systems and to support new projects.

General: As part of a close team of professionals you will be encouraged to maximize your potential, extensive on-going training is available and so a variety of work. Salaries are dependent on skills and experience but you will be offered a very attractive employment package including high salary, company car, etc.

REF: TH 2713

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MOVE INTO ANALYSIS PROGRAMMERS

Company: One of the largest and most successful computer service companies, about to go public due to their continued success within the commercial/business field. Currently there are several open positions to be filled within the IT division.

Position: Programmers and Senior Programmers to move into an analysis role and work on major projects. Having an interest in a small team working from an analysis stage through to implementation. At the more senior level there will be team leadership. Full training will be given in analysis.

Experience: Programmers 1-2 years COBOL experience gained on ICL, mainframe from a commercial background. Senior Programmers - 3 years plus preferably with IBM, TPMS and Outsource, full training will be given where required.

General: These positions offer excellent career paths for Programmers wishing to progress into analysis and eventually into consultancy. Work will be both in client site and in-house, with excellent possibility of exposure to other hardware, mainly IBM. Training facilities are excellent, coupled with generous benefits amount to a certain prospectus future.

REF: TF 030

SYSTEMS ANALYST

Company: A well established and highly respected firm of stockbrokers in London who are now looking for a Systems Analyst to join their team.

Position: Systems Analysts are required to work on Equities, Corporate Finance and Investment Management Systems. Working in small teams, you will be responsible for more junior staff. The positions are based just outside the City, in a new and prestigious office.

Experience: Candidates should have upwards of 4 years systems analysis experience, ideally from a programming background. Preferably using structured techniques you should have been involved in at least one major project from design stage through to implementation. Strong communication skills are essential, and experience of financial applications would be advantageous.

General: Within the hectic and busy City environment, you will be offered realistic progression prospects, regular salary reviews, and training geared to your needs. Excellent salary and benefits.

REF: TS 2405

SENIOR ANALYST/PROJECT LEADER

Company: One of the world's leading banks with extensive involvement in all aspects of international and domestic banking. The large DP department consists of a variety of business including IBM, Tercis, DEC etc.

Position: A Senior Analyst is required to lead a team developing a variety of applications including financial statistics. He/she will be responsible for the conception, design and implementation of these systems which will include producing detailed programming specifications from user requirements.

Experience: A multi-disciplinary DP background with upwards of five years systems development experience which will include solid analysis skills and a knowledge of programming. The typical candidate will be 25-40 years old with a good education and the ability and character to manage an effective team.

General: This position is likely to appeal to Analysts looking to move into a management-type role. It also provides an opportunity to gain experience of various hardware and fourth generation software. A very attractive salary is complemented by benefits including mortgage subsidy and non-contributory pension.

REF: TO 2680

IBM ASSEMBLER ON PL/I

Company: Leading international bank with financial interests and affiliates throughout the world are developing IBM based financial systems.

Position: Programmer, Analyst/Programmer and Systems Designer to work on Systems Development (Project or financial) in financial areas.

Experience: Systems Designer must have minimum 5 years experience of design, structured analysis and design, on-line database or 4th generation languages all useful and full training is given.

General: Positions may suit applicants wishing to move into banking or a financial environment. Benefits package is excellent with generous bonus. London weighting allowance, non-contributory pension scheme and subsidised mortgage.

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REF: TX 14761

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Following recent developments, this Money Broking subsidiary of an internationally renowned Holdings company are currently seeking specialists in the ICL field, to embark on some of the most varied and exciting projects developing in the Money Markets today. Applicants will be involved from initial conception through to final implementation in applications areas, which include Brokerage Transactions covering GLITS, FOREX and SECURITIES. In order to apply for these highly demanding posts, you should have at least 2 years Cobol experience on either ICL ME29 or TANDEM with DDS, TPMS, IDMS and TAL, being a distinct advantage. The selected individuals will enjoy varied opportunities, an excellent salary and real career progression.

REF: TT 14956

ANALYSTS/PROGRAMMERS CITY OF LONDON TO 15,000 + CHEAP HOME WORLDWIDE

Due to continued expansion, this company, who are the largest Property development concern in the UK, require young ICL professionals to utilise their analytical and development skills in a wide variety of commercial applications including Travel/Lesure related areas. You need at least 1 years Cobol programming experience on ICL VME in order to qualify. Personality and attitude are also of the utmost importance. This company are now part of one of the largest internationally renowned Tour Operators, so can offer the successful candidates full concessionary rates on worldwide travel, as well as a good salary, profit bonus, free lunches and long term career development opportunities.

REF: TK 14960

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REF: TJ 14680

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A job description and application form can be obtained from Mr. Ray Kirkpatrick, Administrator, St. Nicholas' Hospice, Turret Close, 24 Westgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 2AZ. Telephone: Bury St. Edmunds (0284) 66133.

Completed applications should be returned by 31st December 1986 for interviews in early January 1987.

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During the past year the post of Senior Counsellor in charge of the UKIAS Refugee Unit has been filled on an acting basis while the postholder was on secondment abroad. The postholder has now resigned and UKIAS are taking steps to make a permanent appointment. Applications are invited both from within UKIAS and from outside.

The Refugee Unit, which is mainly funded by a grant from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is based in Central London and exists to provide advice and representation to individuals seeking asylum and refugee status in the United Kingdom. In addition to the Senior Counsellor the Unit has an existing staff of 3 Counsellors (who represent asylum-seekers when their appeals are heard before Adjudicators, as well as giving advice and making representations to the Home Office on behalf of asylum-seekers), one Adviser and three support staff. A legal background is not essential, but applicants must have a good working knowledge of immigration law, particularly those aspects that concern asylum and refugee status. An important part of the job is to provide leadership and policy direction (in consultation with UNHCR and UKIAS management) and to project the work of the Unit to interested community groups and individuals, other organisations working in the field, and to the public at large.

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Closing date for applications is 9 January 1987.

Planning for a good tomorrow

It is probably true that in the public esteem planners are unfortunately accorded a low rating - roughly equal to that of journalists, tax inspectors and politicians.

Unfortunately, because town and country planners are attracted to the profession through a desire to improve people's living conditions, "concern for the human race, if that doesn't sound too pompous," says Roger Brown, Hampshire's county planning officer.

But, as he points out, decisions that please one person are almost bound to displease others. It's not a career to choose if you want to avoid controversy.

Planners may share the same interest but they can come from surprisingly disparate backgrounds. Hampshire's County Planning Department, which with 110 staff, is one of the largest outside the big cities, has the surveyors, architects, engineers and town planning graduates you might expect, plus some whose first degrees were in German, archaeology and zoology.

It has always been possible to study for Royal Institute of Town Planning exams part time. The existing professional examination is currently being phased out - replaced by a distance learning package approved by the RTPO in 1984 which will lead to an Open University degree and a planning diploma.

It is the politicians not the planner who takes decisions

About 60 per cent of planners work in central and local government, most for the County and District Councils and Regional Councils (Scotland), giving advice to elected members.

It is of course politicians who for the most part take decisions - some with the development corporations, and a smaller number for central government, in the Department of the Environment and the Scottish Development Department.

Others work for the nationalized industries and tourist boards, while a small but increasing number are in private practice, usually working on a consultancy basis for large construction companies, "lemping" for local authorities or acting for appellants against local authority planning decisions.

The work of a planner varies considerably according to where he or she is based. It doesn't take much imagination to realize that the problems of the Highlands and Islands Development Board are going to differ from those of an inner city Council. But there are other differences.

The three tiers of Department of the Environment, county councils and district councils have different responsibilities in different sized planning departments, staff may cover the whole range of duties or may specialize. The

The desire to improve living conditions is generally uppermost in the minds of town and county planners.

Beryl Dixon considers the implications of a career in this field

philosophy of the chief planning officer decides the approach to the work.

One of the first things Roger Brown did on his appointment 13 years ago was to get rid of the drawing office as such. Instead, planners work in teams often in an open plan office, each having its own technicians and, increasingly, its own computer terminal.

The DoE is concerned with broad natural and regional planning, trying to ensure that local policies follow national guidelines, and approving county structure plans, while the Scottish Development Department has responsibility within the Scottish Office for land use planning in Scotland.

County councils are responsible for minerals, waste, disposal, highways (except motorways and trunk roads) and strategic planning. Planning legislation requires them to submit structure plans - statements of overall policy for development of the area to the Secretary of State for the Environment who requires that authorities have consulted the public before giving approval.

The major work of district council departments is spent on planning applications. "Life sometimes seems to be dominated by turning the wretched things round", says one planner, and translating the structure plan into detailed local plans, liaising closely with the county departments.

The current major issue in Hampshire where a draft strategy for the whole county in the 1990s has been prepared, is that of how much development should be permitted in the North East and mid parts of the county.

The county strategy has to be concerned with balancing demands for new housing and commercial development with those for preservation of attractive areas.

Each district has its own priorities - in Winchester there is strong opposition to further commercial development and little enthusiasm for new housing. Further north in the Hart District, the local plan has to allow for the fact that "the strain of recent rapid rates of

development" is felt by both town and village.

As Roger Brown says, it is impossible to please everyone - and he feels a deep commitment to his county. It is hardly surprising that he lists one of the skills a planner needs as that of "thinking on your feet at a public meeting of 300 people." Yet this is one aspect he values. "You have to justify yourself in public. You - and your chairman - take the flak" he said.

Most planners spend part of their careers with local authorities in fact it is unusual to work for the DoE without such experience.

Young planners are usually advised to move around during their first ten to 15 years, gaining a breadth of experience in rural and urban areas, and in different sized offices.

Ultimately, and if they wish, they may specialize by opting for a large authority like Hampshire where different teams work on a wide variety of projects.

There, about 25 professional staff are involved in statutory work, while the rest are engaged in the variety of services the department provides.

"We run large environmental and countryside heritage programmes. We have a big landscape architect's section and helped to set up and advise a county

Advice is usually to move around in the first ten years

buildings preservation trust and the Hampshire intelligence unit supplying the County Council, hospitals and water authorities with projections on housing and population." Mr Brown says.

"We also deal with enquiries from the public - Mr X might come in saying he wants to buy a house and will be affected by any planning proposals and publish booklets and work on the structure plan."

Planners' work naturally involves travel - you must go and look at the sites - as proved by Mr Brown's £60,000 budget for staff travelling expenses - but the time spent on correspondence, report writing and at committees should not be underestimated.

A recently appointed trainee will spend two years working in different teams and attracted to districts for a period before finding a permanent niche.

Career prospects for qualified planners are difficult to assess at present. The National Advisory Board having recommended the closure of three courses in 1983 then agreed to postponement in view of the RTPI's forecast of increased demand for planning staff.

Further information is available from The Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, London W1N 4BE.

Secretary

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The post is a challenging and demanding one, and the successful applicant will be able to demonstrate knowledge and relevant experience of the management of countryside problems and conflicts on the urban fringe, together with good communications skills and organisational ability. The successful candidate is also likely to have qualifications in one of the environmental sciences or countryside management. A driving licence is essential.

Further details are available from the Personnel Officer, Council Offices, Station Road, Brigg, South Humberside, DN20 8EG (telephone Brigg (0552) 52441, extension 203), to whom letters of application (NO FORMS) accompanied by a curriculum vitae, together with the names and addresses of two persons to whom reference may be made, should be sent by noon on Wednesday, 31st December 1986. Ralph Kitchen (extension 454) or Kevin Foster (extension 453) will be pleased to discuss details of the work.

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For further details send your CV to Mary Lynch, Personnel and Training Manager, English Tourist Board, Thames Tower, Blackes Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9EL. Tel: 01-846 9000.

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Robert Ryden (Oxford) and

The men ready to

Both universities are able to field internationals at centre but the men playing alongside Brendan Mallin and Francis Clough have both developed skills which have proved of lasting value to their teams.

Robert Anthony Ryden, whose bush-faced good looks would charm the birds off the trees, is unusual in that he has

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By David Hands

match last year provided a huge filip for the rugby club which has gathered strength with the recruitment, actual and promised, of leading players. "I'm as link as opposed to a star player and I've learned a lot about support play", Ryden says. "But this term, when Breckan has played, it's amazing how much sense I have found because

Wyles, with vital parts to play, shadows their worth

Their presence, however, meant a long wait for his Blues, which he won last year after Mark Bailey vacated the left wing spot to play stand-off. Wyles's versatility – he was centre at school – has allowed him to play in every position behind the scrum, except scrum half, for the senior

of harbour. Briefly, this involves the expenditure of about £22m over five years, by the LTA, of which All England Lawn Tennis Club (Wimbledon) and the Sports Council and local authorities. The project is designed to increase playing facilities — and broaden the game's mass appeal — by accelerating the construction of public, pay-and-play centres with junior development programmes.

The game gets a further boost as the inaugural Mortgage Corporation national league (a men's team event), for the expanded network of "ratings" tournaments, for continuing benefits from the children's mini-games known as short tennis, and for a variety of other schemes designed to help the players to learn — and help the players to graduate to the international circuit.

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The British women champions were Mrs Jones (three singles and four doubles), Miss Wade (the same), Angela Buxton (merit and one double), Shirley Bloomer (one singles and two doubles), Chr-

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comparatively straightforward spread fence. Malcolm Pyra who said Philippe Gayot's first round course was too straightforward, was one of only 15 out of 35 who failed to clear it (West Germany's Paul Schöckemöhle, on Deister, shared the distinction).

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Again there were reasons. Pyrah is resting his top horse, Towerlands Anglezarke, and Diamond Seeker, his Bordeaux-ride, had missed an outing at the Brussels show the week before after injuring a leg.

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Pierre Durand and Jappeloup, whose win after five near misses, almost brought the house down — excelled themselves with five reaching the 10-horse final jump-off. Although Durand is missing Olympic because he has to compete in a

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these days by Cunningham (29 points), to open up a decisive lead with a 17-2 surge after United had lost Phillips, fouled out. With the cup final in mind, Irish, suffering from a muscle strain, was used sparingly against his old club by Dan

The Nottingham Forest manager, Brian Clough, is keeping a pre-season pledge to start new contract negotiations with Johnny Metgod. Despite the impending arrival of the Norwegian international, Ossie Osvald, which will give Forest

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Terry Crosby (48 points) and Russell Saunders (47) recorded the two highest individual scores of the season so far but their contributions were of little good to their clubs. HomeSpare Bolton and Reg Vardy Sunder-

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Peter Cooper, vice president of FISA, is to retire next summer as chief executive of the RAC Motor Sports Association.

1. **Introduction**

Left: Syntaho, Right: Zi Ping. To Us a Child (ITV, 9pm)

♣Veteran performers who seem to have been with us ever since the days when the art of acting was a tiny baby, are present and (very) correct in Peter Buckman's three-part dramatization of *Wita Sackville-West's* novel *All Passion Spent*, which begins on BBC2 tonight (9.00pm). Was there, in fact, ever a time when Wendy Hiller was not treading the boards or gracing the screen? Or a time when Maurice Denham and Harry Andrews, Graham Crowden and Hilary Mason, John Franklyn and Robbins and Phyllis Calvert, were not showing upstart newcomers how it was possible to achieve maximum impact with apparently minimum effort? I doubt it. Anyway, these great survivors are all seen to excellent effect in this stately and autumnal story of the widow (Wendy Hiller) of a vicar of India who, after having been denied the right to make any

decisions all her life, elects to make a declaration of independence at the age of 85 by renting a dignified room of a building in Hampstead rather than move in with her family, where of a mainly grasping Mrs. Musgrave mentioned minimal effort just now. You can see it at work in the widow's gentle smile as a spider scuttles across the wrinkled lino in the empty house. We recognize that this is exactly what the philosophical landlord (Maurice Denham) means when he talks about contemplation replacing activity in old age, and energy being replaced by a quality of reserve. There are many things that about *All About Women* that I admire. They certainly include Ray Cusick's interior design, and Nigel Hens's charming music.

●Peter Tiffin's large-scale documentary *To Us a Child* (ITV, 9.00pm, and 10.30pm) says in effect that it is all very well going on about famine in Africa, and that they know it. Christians, but what about that other crisis that is global and deprives children of their rights or their lives and is well described as the "silent emergency" because it makes few headlines? The villains are only too readily identifiable in this film which marks both the 40th anniversary of UNICEF, and the launch of its State of the World's Children report. Famine is only one of them. There is also disease, and malnutrition, exploitation of children as child labour, civil wars and that in Nicaragua where a former minister boasts that his government has killed more than 20,000 people. He was one of the men who have died at the age of 10, and wars such as the Iran-Iraq conflict.

in which children have been used to clear minefields. There is many a conscience-pricking phrase in Denis Tuohy's commentary. They can be summed up in these two: "No child should be the grief of its mother alone. No child should be beyond our compassion", and, "Childhood, precious and unrepeatable, should be the context of their lives and not a heavy burden of responsibility." Visually, no single image in the film is more moving than that of the dehydrated child who weeps without tears.

● For spectacular lunacy, it would be hard to beat Robert Booth's account of the bringing of Cleopatra's Needle from Egypt to London's Embankment in The Tuesday Feature (Radio 4, 8.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 Ceefax AM.** News headlines followed by *The Flintstones*. (r) 5.55
- 7.00 Weather**
- Breakfast Time** with Frank Fough, Billy Magnussen, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15 and weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
- 8.40 Watchdog.** Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate corner complaints 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather.
- 9.05 Day to Day.** A discussion on insect offenders includes two guilty men and the abused daughter of one of them. 9.45 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with advice on the Family Income Supplement. 10.00 News and weather 10.05 **Neighbours.**
- 10.25 Philip Schofield** with news of children's television programmes, and birthday greetings. 10.30 **Play School.**
- 10.45 "Fanny's House"**
- 10.55 Five to Eleven.** Diana Quirk with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 **Vegetarian Kitchen.** Sarah Brown presents the last programme of her series. (r) 11.30 **Open Air.** Programme makers meet their critics (includes news and weather at 12.00)
- 12.25 Domesday Detectives.** Team quiz on the subject of Britain. Presented by Paul Cole 12.55 Regional news and weather. One O'Clock News with Mark Lewis. Weather 1.05 **Neighbours.** Deschanelles Daphne with disappointing results. 1.50 **Top-Go.** (r)
- 2.00 Film: The Great Caruso (1951)** starring Mario Lanza and Ann Blythe. The story of the Neapolitan urchin who became one of the world's most celebrated singers. Directed by Richard Thorpe.
- 3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set.** (r) 4.00 **The Christchurch 4.15**
- Captain Caveman (r) 4.15** Johnny Briggs. Drama serial 5.00 **Second Bricks** includes a high kick record breaking attempt.
- 5.00 John Craven's Newsround** 5.55 **Grange Hill.** Episode 18. (r) Ceefax 5.55 **Weatherment.**
- 6.00 News** with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. 6.35 **London Pass.**
- 7.00 Ruby Adams.** The Reynish family from Swansea meet the Stephansons of Ayrshire in the final of the quiz. Noel Edmond is the questionmaster.
- 7.30 WestEnding.** Elaine is upset by a letter she receives. (Ceefax)
- 8.00 Hancock's Half Hour.** The classic episode during which he seems to pull a thousand different faces in two minutes while wracking his brain for an old Army chum's name. (r)
- 8.30 Tom O'Connor.** The first of a new series starring the entertainer. His guest is Paul Shane.
- 9.00 News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
- 9.30 The Best - Dave Allen.** Highlights from the comedian's earlier series
- 10.00 Challenge 87** for the America's Cup. Ian Wooldridge previews the 28th series of races, due to take place in February, after the elimination races have thrown up a challenger to attempt to take the crown away from Australia in the waters off Perth.
- 10.00 Film 86** presented by Barry Norman. Among the films discussed are *Crocodile Dundee*, and *Howard...A New Kind of Hero*.
- 11.20 stars Unlimited.** William Woollard investigates companies' suggestion schemes.
- 11.45 Paula.** Brenda rejects Lenny's proposal of marriage for the seventh time and he goes into a sulks. (r)
- 12.10 Weather.**

- 9.00** *Gharbar*, Magazine programme for Asian women, presented by Suninder Kocher. (CeeFax)
- 9.25** *Design and Innovation*, An Open University production covering two approaches to marketing microcomputers.
- 9.30** *Teletextual*, A repeat of yesterday's news bulletin from Madrid.
- 9.40** *Sunday Praise* from Crichton Memorial Church, Dumfries. (I CeeFax)
- 1.55** *Rugby Union: The 105th Varsity Match*, Nigel Stammer-Clark, commentator at Twickenham for the match between Oxford and Cambridge for the Bowring Bowl. (Including news and sport from 2.45)
- 3.35** *100 Great Sporting Moments*, The 1973 rugby union game between the Barbarians and the All Blacks.
- 3.50** *United Kingdom*, regional news, and weather.
- 4.00** *Pamela Armstrong*, The quests include Gerald Priestland and Alan Price.
- 4.30** *Seafood*, Peter Keen. Raynold visits the Somerset Levels to find pike and salmon. (I)
- 5.00** *Domesday Detectives*, A repeat of the programme from BBC 1 at 12.25.
- 5.30** *Tomorrow's World*, A repeat of last Thursday's programme.
- 6.00** *No Limits* with the winners of the Powerplay Top Ten.
- 6.50** *Good Neighbours*, by Leslie Pearce. With crime on the increase, Lorie's dad decides to investigate a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Starring Michael N Harbour and David Scarborough. (I)
- 7.20** *The Man Who Made Beaminth*, Robert Hewison visits Beaminth North of England Open Air Museum, County Durham, and meets its creator, Frank Atkinson.
- 8.00** *My Music*, A light-hearted test of musical knowledge between Denis Nordan, Ian Westlake, Frank Rankin and John Dennis. (I)
- 8.30** *Food and Drink* with advice on turkeys; how much to drink; and a glimpse of Mrs Beeton's Victorian kitchen.
- 8.40** *All in the Family*, *Speed*, Episode one of a three-part adaptation of Vita Sackville-West's story of an elderly, recently widowed aristocratic lady who decides to marry a very independent younger man after years of responding to the bidding of her statesman husband. Starring Wendy Hiller, Harry Andrews and Maurice Denham. (see Choice) (CeeFax)
- 9.55** *Richard Corderman* in London. The planet's guests are Johnny Machis, Rita Moreno, and Peter Churchill.
- 10.45** *Newsround*, 11.30 *Weather*.
- 11.35** *Indoor Football*, Highlights of the first two nights action in the Guinness Soccer Six competition from the G Mex Centre.

- 6.15** **TV-anc:** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 8.35; sport at 8.40 and 9.45; cartoons at 9.05; pop music at 7.55; and; Jani Barnett's poetbag at 8.55. The After Nine guests include Liz Morrison, and there is an item on new low-chill designed by Lord Snowdon.
- 8.25** **Thames news headlines** followed by Roger Ramjet. (r)
- 8.35** **52 minutes.** The story of a tall ship wreck and of the festivities following in the finishing port, Amsterdam.
- 9.00** **Film:** The Picture of Dorian Gray. Starring Laurence Olivier, George Sanders, Howard Heston, and Donna Reed. Oscar Wilde's story of a Peter Pan-type character whose youth is maintained by a magical elixir. Directed by Albert Lewin. 11.45 Watcote Watcote. Cartoon. (r)
- 9.20** **Tickle on the Tm.** Village tales for the young (r) 12.10 Rainbow. Learning about money with the help of puppets and guest Robbie Gemmet. 12.50 The Swiftness. Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties
- News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news.** 1.30 **52 minutes.** Episode five and Kiti becomes a surgeon. Starring Richard Pasco and Peter Chelsom. (r) (Oracle)
- 1.35** **TV-anc:** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on Christmas - Love it or Loathe it? The guests include Russell Harty and Rosalind Funnice. Three Little Words. Comedy by Ray Alan. Journalists in a test of words 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital
- 4.00** **The Giddy Game Show** 4.10 **The Television** 4.20 **C.A.B.**
- Drama serial 4.45 **Splash** includes clues for unusual Christmas presents and review of the latest hit film, Transformers.
- 5.15** **Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness
- 5.45** **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.00 **Thames news** presented by Andrew Gardner and John Andrew.
- 6.25** **Reporting London.** Graham Addicot reports on train drivers' fears of the reliability of new braking system
- 7.00** **Emmerdale Farm.** Phil and Sandie find a new home
- 7.30** **Johns and Mildred.** Mildred discovers George has been writing love letters to another woman. Starring Yootha Joyce and Brian Murphy. (r)
- 8.00** **Des O'Connor Tonight.** The entertainer's guests are Jim Davidson, Kate Robbins, Mike Miller, Darryl La Rue, and, via satellite, Placido Domingo.
- 9.00** **To Use a Child.** Denis Tuchy, in the week that marks the anniversary of UNICEF funds, examines the children of the Third World who are now the focus of the organisation's concern. (continues after the news) (see Choice)
- 10.00** **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by **Thames news headlines.**
- 10.30** **To Use a Child continued.**
- 11.00** **Snooper.** The second quarterfinal of the Homeistats World Doubles, introduced by Dickie Davies from the Dergate Theatre, Northampton. The commentators are John Putman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Patsy Edmonds and Mike Wildman
- 12.15** **Brown Wolf.** An adaptation of the Jack London story about an intelligent and high spirited dog and the people with whom it crosses paths
- 12.40** **Night Thoughts** from Wayne Sampson, a social worker.

- 1.45 *Their Lordships'* House. (r)
2.00 Snooker. The first quarterfinal of the Holmenkollen World Cup. *Dave* is introduced by Dickie Davies.
3.45 *Years Ahead*. Magazine programme for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougal. This afternoon's edition includes a repeat of Robert Carvel's interview last year with Edwin Bear, then aged 107, but who has since died. Plus, Zana Skinner continues her first aid series.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mathematics arithmetic section is challenged by Carolyn Best of Cromptall, Manchester. Richard Whitley is the questionmaster.
5.00 *Broadchurch*. Endora turns Darrin into a snob when he is proposed for membership of an exclusive club.
5.30 *As Good As New*. Part two of the restoring old furniture series, presented by Mike Smith. His guest today is Anne Sears, a professional chair caner. (r) (Oracle)
6.00 *Flamingo*. The Steeles and Laura become involved with murder and are left holding a baby.
6.55 *Muram Buchstemsanger*. Cartoon about an odious character that lives in a crack in a kitchen wall.
7.00 *Channel 4 News* with Nicholas Owen includes an interview with Mrs Thatcher.
7.50 *Portrait* from Hansoud Abdimiski, an engineer.
8.00 *Brookside*. Heather decides to go to Ireland to see her parents. Tracy signs up on the TV modelling programme, and Billy is let down by Pat.
8.30 *4 What's If?* World presented by Penny Junior. John Stoneborough reports on three people who sued their building developer and won £20,000 but have not received a penny; and there is an investigation into the voluntary system for recalling suspect cars, the best buy in kettles.
9.00 *Film: Jimmy B* and *Andre* (1980) starring Alec Kassar and Susan Clark. A made-for-television drama based on a true story, about the relationship between a Detroit restaurateur and a ten-year-old black boy whom he befriends. The boy applies for a job in order to help his heroin-addicted mother. Directed by Guy Green.
10.50 *Individual Voices*. Guitarist and singer Colin Campbell in concert at the 1981 Camden Festival.
11.45 *Soap*. More confusing mayhem concerning the eccentric Tate and Campbell families.
12.15 *Their Lordships'* House. Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of

- VARIATIONS**
- BBC1** WALKS 8.55-9.40 *Wales To Go*
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11.00 *The Best In Wales* - *Dave Allen* 11.50-12.25
News and weather: **SCOTLAND** 10.50-11.00
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Wendy Hiller and Harry Andrews in Vita Sackville-West's All Passion Spent BBC2 9.00pm



Otis Rush in Channel 4's second showing of Individual Voices: The
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8.55 Weather, 7.00 News
7.05 Stravinsky (Concerto for chamber orchestra)
Dumbarton Oaks: Columbia SO, Sememartin
Recorder Concerto to F: Richard Harvey/London Vivaldi Orchestra), Saint-Saens (Piano Concerto No 2: Gile, Davidovich/Amsterdam Concertgebouw), 8.00 News
Concert (continues):
Gounod (Faust ballet music: Montreal SO), Mozart (Sonata in C, K 579: Christopher Eschenbach, piano), Harry (With the wild geese, symphonic sketch), 8.00 News
8.05 The Week's Composer: Rossini (the Paris years), Stabat mater, excerpts: Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus/Ketije Ricciarini, Lucia Valentini Terrani,

Angela Rippon: part two of
The Band Radio 2 9.00pm

	Danielo González, Ricardo Güerín	(español)	
0.06	Violin and Piano: Paul Bartók and Susan Tombs. Beethoven (Violin Sonata No. 1), Shostakovich (Four Preludes, Op. 34, transcribed by Tsiganov), Mozzart (Violin Sonata, Polichino)		41.9 Beechcroft; Tr. Op. 338. Anton Weinberg (clarinet), Raphael Wallfisch (cello). Peter Wallfisch (piano), 4.55 News
0.35	BBC Singers: with Jonathan Roberts Tenor, Thomas Trotter organ), Brian Chapple (Veni Sanctus Spiritus), Hoyt (Nunc dimittis), Brystyn Kelly (Surrealist hodie)		5.00 Only for Pressure: Richard Baker with recorded music
1.00	Concertos: Liszt (Symphony Goldstone (piano) plays Sonata in G minor, Op. 22 Middle Concert-BBC Scottish Song (under Philip Weger, with Christine Cairns (mezzo), Purcell Aldebaran solo), Bach Harpischord Concerto No 5), Haydn (Dramatic cassette Ariana a Naxos), Bach (Harpischord Concerto No. 4), Haydn Symphony No. 43, Harpischord: Lloyd 1.10 News		5.30 Songs for the Court of Burundji: Gothic Voices, with Christopher Wilson (lute) 7.00 Violin and Piano: Derek Collier and Daphne Jobets. Dag Wirgen (Sonatine Op. 15), Gordon Langford (Ballade), Spohr (Salustianus) Op. 145 No. 3, Castro (Intrada y danza musical)
1.29	Middle Concert-BBC Scottish Song (under Philip Weger, with Christine Cairns (mezzo), Purcell Aldebaran solo), Bach Harpischord Concerto No 5), Haydn (Dramatic cassette Ariana a Naxos), Bach (Harpischord Concerto No. 4), Haydn Symphony No. 43, Harpischord: Lloyd 1.10 News		7.30 Mrs Dallaway: Virginia Wolf's story, dramatized by Manny Dryocott. With Maureen Grieron, Peter Jeffery, Jonathan Teller and Sheila Grant
1.05	Recital from Cardiff: Maureen Smith (Violin), Alexander Bellas (cello), Ian Brown (piano), Tchaikovsky (Piano Trio, A minor, Op. 50)		9.15 BBC SO under Berghand, with Kathryn Stott (piano), Sibylla (Napoli symphonic poem), Grieg (Piano Concerto)
2.00	Guitar ensembles: Daniel Benito plays works by Luis Aguilar, Tinctoriz, Cutting, Dowland and Martz		10.05 The Bracils: Don Antonio Macias reads Bernard MacLeary's story The Brown Palace
2.35	South German Radio GO (under Schmidt), with André Laurood (piano), Mozart (Symphony No. 32, and Piano Concerto No. 24), Felia Nikitina in the garden of Spain), Rimsky-		10.25 Flute and piano: Philippa Davies and Julian Jacobson play Harvey's Marjorie, and Martinus's Sonata
			11.00 First Night: review of a new theatre production The Negro Sun Abbazio and Navarra) Webom (Variations for orchestra, Op. 31), Debussy (Images) 11.57

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6.55 Shipping forecast. **6.00** News.
6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. **6.45**
Business News. 6.55 and **5.55** Weather. **7.35, 8.25**
Spot 1.7.45 Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **8.57** Weather and travel
9.00 News
9.05 Call John Howard 01-580 4411: the new phone-in in which you speak to the experts and policy makers
10.00 News: From Our Own Correspondent: reports from BBC correspondents overseas
10.30 Morning Story: Lost voices by Bernard Thomas. The reader is Brintley Jenkins.
10.45 Daily Service (c). Advent calendar. New Year Morning, page 68.
11.00 News: Travel: Thirty-Minute Theatre: The interview by Edward Mason. With Alan Cox and Jennifer Percy. An educational psychiatrist is called to a school when a pupil's behaviour becomes worrying.
11.23 Times Remembered: Ian Siddmore talks to Tim Davies, sound-recorder. His recordings of insect sounds have made him world famous.
12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer advice. Presented by Susan Rae.
12.27 My Music: Musical panel game. With Steve Huce (radio master), John Arnis, Frank Murt, Denis Norden and Ian Wallace.
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes Dilly Barlow's investigation of the art of songwriting. Also the eleventh episode of Circles in a forest, by Delane Mathew, read by Sean Barrett.
3.00 News: The Afternoon Play: It's never too late to play by Gordon. With Gwen Watford and Robert Urquhart. The tale of a confirmed old bachelor, and the woman who comes into his life. (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Peterborough Belles: Bollingers at the Peterborough Belles. Continued
have raised funds for 3 new bells. The presenter of this feature is Valda Hood.
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Includes items on Douglas Dunn's Selected Poems, 1964-83
5.00 PM News Magazine. **5.50** Shipping. **5.55** Weather
6.00 News: Financial Report
6.30 King Street Junior (s) by Peter Davidson and James Groult. A visitor from County Hall brings news that provokes a mixed reaction at the school.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Current issues at home and abroad. The reporter is Helen Soeden.
8.00 Medicine Now: The health of medical care. With Geoff Wasta.
8.30 Tuesday Feature: The Needle's Tale! Robert Booth tells the story of Cleopatra's Needle's 4,000 mile journey to England from Egypt (see Choice)
9.00 In Touch: News, for people with visual handicaps
9.30 Under the BoTtree: Dr Ray Barron describes preparations for a New Year festival play in Sri Lanka
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes items on Mike Kelly's Jousts of Apollo: The Actor as Director; and an interview with Dory Previn.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Fall of Kelvin Walker by Alexander Gray. Read by Bill Patterson. 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight. The international business report, and a round-up of market trends
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News: Weather
12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel, 11.09-12.00 For School: Drama Resources: 11.00 Accident Report 11.20 incidents at Cobbling s 11.40 Encore use Eape. 1.55-2.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening corner (c) 2.0 Education Now 2.20 Books, Plays, Films. 5.50-5.55 PM continued.

SPORT

Maidstone full of party spirit for Watford trip

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Three ties in the third round of the FA Cup next month will encapsulate the past, the present and the possible future of the game. The versions will be presented inside the homes of Watford and Telford United on January 10 and in front of a national audience the following day.

Vicarage Road will stage the most enchanting fixture of the weekend. There can be little doubt that Watford will diminish the romance in this season's competition by removing Maidstone United — one of the four remaining non-League representatives — but the afternoon is sure to be a delight.

Instead of printing tickets, the hosts might as well issue invitations to a party. The terraces at the club that has done more than any other to reintroduce the warmth of a family atmosphere will be a sea of smiles. It will be fun — as it used to be in the old days.

Bill Williams, Maidstone's manager, entered into the spirit of the occasion as soon as he heard the draw yesterday. "We have got the rock 'n' roll instruments out," he said, "but our chairman doesn't sing as well as Elton John does. We couldn't have wished for anything better."

A friendly set-up, a great pitch, a first division side, and the game is well within the reach of our fans. It will be a great day out for the club, and there should be a decent pay-off for us at the end of it."

Compare his reaction with that of Stan Storton, the Telford manager. If Maidstone's draw is one of the plums, Telford's must be considered the bad apple. They must accommodate Leeds United and, more significantly, their notorious followers who would seem this season to have added arson to their list of shameful crimes.

In September, a fish-and-chip van was burned at Bradford City. On Saturday, a

Third round draw

Aldershot v Oxford
Aston Villa v Chelsea
Bristol City v Bath v Plymouth
Caernarfon or York v Barnsley
Charlton v Walsall
Coventry v Bolton
Crystal Palace v Nottingham Forest
Everton v Southampton
Fulham v Swindon
Grimsby v Stoke
Ipswich v Birmingham
Luton v Liverpool
Manchester United v Manchester City
Middlesbrough v Chorley or Preston
Millwall v Cardiff or Brentford
Newcastle v Southend or Northampton
Norwich v Huddersfield
Oxford v Bradford
Orient v West Ham
Portsmouth v Blackburn
Queens Park Rangers v Luton
Reading v Arsenal
Sheffield United v Brighton
Sheffield Wednesday v Derby
Shrewsbury v Hull
Swansea v West Bromwich Albion
Telford v Leeds
Tottenham v Scunthorpe
Watford v Maidstone
Wigan v Gillingham
Wimbledon v Sunderland
Wrexham v Chester

(Matches to be played on January 10, except Luton v Liverpool and Crystal Palace v Nottingham Forest on January 11)

storage shed was set on fire at West Bromwich Albion.

Leeds have the misfortune to be linked with the most evil examples of hooliganism, the scourge of the modern game. Last year, after a youth was killed at Birmingham, the FA ordered all Leeds's away fixtures to be all-ticket affairs, a punishment that is now likely to be reimposed.

"It is a pity that everybody's first thought will be about their fans and the possible trouble that they could cause at the match," Storton said.

"We can do without them since we could fill our ground with 10,000 of our own supporters. It would be a crying shame if the game was ruined by an unruly mob."

Luton Town, technically knocked out of the Littlewoods Cup because of their ban on away supporters, offer at Kenilworth Road a chillingly realistic vision of tomorrow if hooliganism is not eradicated. Yet their tie against Liverpool, the holders, will not be restricted to an exclusive audience.

In a diplomatic effort to appease Liverpool fans, it was decided immediately that the tie should be covered live on television. The nation will be able to see for itself how Luton's controversial move affects the atmosphere generated by the partisan crowd at Kenilworth Road.

John Moore, whose Luton side significantly beat Liverpool 4-1 on their artificial surface six weeks ago, described the switch as "a fair compromise". But Bob Gill, the secretary of Liverpool's supporters' club, said that it was "terribly unfair". We would normally have taken 10,000 there."

Crystal Palace have reason for complaint as well. They must also stage their attractive tie against Nottingham Forest, their conquerors in the Littlewoods Cup, on Sunday. The FA, on police advice, have stipulated that Charlton Athletic, the Selhurst Park lodgers, should meet Walsall there on Saturday.

Though Palace's gate receipts are consequently likely to be low, they cannot request compensation. Their lone consolation is that they have home advantage.

So do Manchester United (paired with their city neighbours), Everton and Tottenham Hotspur. The famous trio have been installed as the favourites.

Fresh start

Lincoln City football club, who have been restricted to 400 seats since their main stand was demolished for safety reasons, will start work on a new £550,000 stand later this month.



From the ashes Bradford rises

By Martin Searby

From the ashes of the worst tragedy in the history of British soccer the people of Bradford have created a memorial to the 55 who died when the main stand caught fire and was reduced to smoking rubble within three horrifying minutes just over 18 months ago.

Next Sunday the Bradford City team return to Valley Parade for the first time since that day to play an England team in front of a capacity 15,500 crowd who will be unable to disguise the emotion that has become an everyday part of the City's life.

The inferno was made all the more poignant by the television pictures that brought horror to everyone's hearth, so deeply affecting the nation that £4 million was raised in no time at all for the dependents of the victims.

The Poppellwell enquiry followed and the stable door bolted with stringent regulations brought into force and large sections of many sports grounds closed down, repercussions that made it all the more difficult to forget the events of that awful May day.

Against this background the club had to carry on playing football and immediately faced a fight to maintain the second division place they had won by taking the championship of the third on the day the

ground caught fire. Playing home games at neighbouring Leeds and Huddersfield did nothing for them and the giant Odsal bowl was even worse with the rugby league pitch, its corners turning up like Melba toast, entirely unsuitable.

Manager Trevor Cherry faced a daunting task to get his players to concentrate on the job at hand with the terrifying spectre for ever at their shoulders. He said at the time: "We have got to survive in spite of what happened."

The decision to rebuild Valley Parade took time and only a grant from the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Council given on the eve of extinction made the plans viable. Trevor Waller, a leading architect with offices just a goal-kick away from the ground then had to design Britain's first purpose-built soccer stadium of modern times to the highest standards of safety bang slap in the middle of the badly scarred city.

"At every stage the police, fire brigade and safety executive have been involved and I don't think it is possible to have done any more to make the ground the best in the country," he says. "Bearing in mind what happened it wasn't just a case of designing a new

football ground, more one of incorporating all the necessary features into a monument.

"We were also working against a pretty tight schedule and it really is a tremendous achievement to have done all this in such a short space of time."

Among the features in the new £2.6 million stadium is a £36,000 TV security system which allows the police to monitor both the inside and approaches to the ground and produce a still picture of any miscreant in 90 seconds; one of the innovations an electromagnetic door locking control that allows all exits to be simultaneously opened in any emergency. There is new self-contained terracing for 2,000 visiting supporters, a covered Kop for 7,000 home fans and a superb 5,500 seater stand with a dozen executive boxes at the back.

"It's taken the contractors just 26 weeks to get the whole thing ready," says the architect. "Everyone on the site seems to have been aware of the importance of the work to the whole of the city. There have been none of the usual wrangles or delays with supplies, most of which have come from local firms. The atmosphere has been extraordinary and I think that reflects the deep feelings everyone has

about what happened here. Perhaps in the end some good will come from this awful business."

The football club, bankrupt four years ago, has handled the trauma with dignity despite chairman Stafford Heginbotham facing the bereaved, the court of enquiry, the ever-present media and latterly the High Court in Leeds, where City are joint defendants in a liability case, with poise while profoundly affected by events.

"There are no words to describe how I feel," he said. "We've done everything to make this the safest stadium in the country. Every piece of advice we have been given has been taken on board and nothing left out. It just has to be like that."

To those who remember the old Valley Parade the new is a beacon for the future followers who, while appreciating the magnificent facilities may come to forget the carnage that was its foundation. But the sculpture to be unveiled by Mr Justice Poplewell before the match will serve as an eternal reminder, poised high up on the main stand watching over a new and safer generation of football supporter and in time the scars, though never disappearing, may not be quite so vivid.

Common idea for EEC games

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

"It's a Knock-out" has become serious. The European Economic Community is set to have its own biennial 24-sport games with the first celebration earmarked for April, 1989. Unlike the Olympics, these Games will not be staged in one country but are to be shared between all 12 Common Market nations over four days at a total cost of £6 million.

It is hoped that 24 sports will be represented at the games to be selected from archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, equestrianism, fencing, golf, gymnastics, handball, hockey, judo, karate, modern pentathlon, orienteering, rowing, rugby, squash, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, trampolining, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling and yachting. All EEC nations would then each stage two sports. There may also be a football tournament despite the period coinciding with the climax of most domestic and European competitions.

Events may not necessarily be those in the Olympics. Athletics may largely be road relays while swimming could consist of relays at non-Olympic distances plus a water polo tournament. Both the EEC itself and the international federations have given their support as well as their representative organizations, the General Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF).

Sharing facilities can cut the costs

Although no individual appearance or prize money will be given, each sport is to receive a prize fund of not less than £28,000 which will be distributed on a team basis. The prize fund is to be paid to the individual federation according to the team position of each nation, ranging from £7,000 for the winner down to £700 for 12th place. A further prize fund of £700,000 will be allocated on a national team basis. Prize money is to be paid to the relevant charitable sporting organization responsible for the development of sport in each country, such as the Sports Aid Foundation in Britain. This money is likely to range from £140,000 for the winners down to £35,000 for the last-placed country.

Announcing details of the EEC Games Feasibility Study, which was sponsored by Diners Club International, Mr Mark Barker said that the major costs of multi-sport events were the construction of the necessary venues, including the competitors' village, security and the infrastructure for television.

"We asked whether this could be changed. After all, the justification of having all the sports in one country was so that athletes could meet each other. This seems less important than in the past, partly because there are so many more competitions than there used to be," Mr Barker said.

By using existing facilities, not having to construct a village and employing local police forces for security, costs are reduced dramatically to about £200,000 per sport, compared to at least £2 million for competitions like this year's Commonwealth Games.

Television is the common link

No television fees are to be asked from companies in the 12 countries and the responsibility for screening the event will be divided between the companies, such as Channel 4 in Britain. In return the companies must agree to screen at least one hour of every day's events.

Mr Adrian Metcalfe, commissioning editor for Channel 4, said: "There will be competition among the countries to find original ways of staging the event. We will be able to screen three or four finals each day and with snappy editing this should prove very popular."

The venture was welcomed yesterday by many figures including Mr Dick Tracey, the Sports Minister, who sees it as a way to promote both sport and the EEC, which lacks positive identity to many people. But the Games may lack genuine impact on these people simply because they are dispersed over 12 countries with no real focus. The only common link is television and even here viewers may not be attracted by non-Olympic events in which outstanding competitors may be reluctant to compete.

For them the events may lack prestige or financial reward and would interrupt their preparation for more important events. I hope not.

Alarm bells ring at Telford

By Dennis Shaw

The Football Association are to hold urgent talks with Telford United and the local police to prepare for the visit of Leeds United to the Shropshire non-League ground on January 10 in the third round of the FA Cup.

The danger of football's most notorious supporters creating problems, even when all ticket arrangements are in force, was envisaged as soon as the draw was made yesterday.

An FA spokesman said: "We must not pre-judge the situation. Telford have a safe, well-organized ground. However, this draw could

present problems not experienced before so discussions are to be held immediately."

The latest infamous action of the Leeds supporters is under review by the FA, with a full inquiry pending into the fire which was started in a petrol store at West Bromwich Albion last Saturday.

The FA had their own inspector, Commander Des Walker, ex-head of Brighton police, at the game. The FA will study reports from the referee and Commander Walker before setting up an inquiry.

Evidence from this could add weight to any steps taken to avoid Telford, who play in

the GM Vauxhall Conference, being submitted to similar hazards.

The Telford chairman, Gerald Smith, said: "We are perfectly satisfied that our crowd control methods are adequate but if West Bromwich Albion cannot control their what chance have we got?"

Privately Telford are hoping, along with many Football League clubs, that as a result of last Saturday's incident the FA will put a blanket ban on Leeds followers for all away games. The non-League club believe that may well be the only way their ground can be protected.

Artificial turf under discussion

Wimbledon's application to install an artificial pitch at Plough Lane will be discussed by the Football League on Thursday.

The League management committee may change their policy and ask all 92 League clubs to vote on the issue in a ballot.

The committee have been rubber-stamping applications, but the growing campaign against artificial turf, spearheaded by West Ham and Leicester City, may force a re-introduction of ballots. An application by Peterborough will also be discussed.

Hooliganism, plans for the League's centenary celebrations and compensation claims from clubs involved in matches televised live will also be on the agenda.

● The Tottenham defender, Graham Roberts, yesterday admitted he was "unsettled" by transfer talk involving Glasgow Rangers.

The Rangers player-manager, Graeme Souness, has bid £400,000 for Roberts — and the midfielder man looks ready to swell the Anglo ranks at Ibrox.

"I'm very interested," Roberts said. "I've had a word with the manager and he has put me in the picture. I am unsettled, but I won't let it affect me while I am on the pitch."

● Second division, Sheffield United lost more than £289,000 — more than £5,000 a week — in the last financial year.

But the club's annual accounts show sacked manager, Ian Porterfield, was paid only £40,000 in compensation, when he left last season with five years of his contract to run.

GOLF

St Andrews once more

The finals of the Dunhill Cup will again be held at St Andrews, from October 1-4 next year.

The sponsors, Alfred Dunhill, will also stage two qualifying tournaments in 1987. The first will be at the Olgettia club, Rome, from April 3-5 and the second at the Royal Selangor club, Kuala Lumpur, from May 1-3.

The company chairman Richard Dunhill said: "It is obvious that the nation which produces Australia as world champions will have to be good."

SQUASH RACKETS

Kenyon meets Jahangir in Masters final

Karachi (Reuters) — Phil Kenyon, of Britain, defeated Zarak Khan, aged 19, of Pakistan, 9-6, 9-6, 9-1 yesterday to set up a final clash with the world No 1, Jahangir Khan, in the Pakistan Masters tournament today.

Kenyon, aged 30, outwitted Zarak, younger brother of Hiddy Jehan, of Britain, with a succession of long rallies in the first two games before unleashing a barrage of winning shots in the third.

In the other semi-final, Jahangir Khan, showed he had returned to peak form when he overcame his experienced fellow-Pakistani, Qamar Zaman, 9-2, 9-1, 9-1 in 40 minutes.

Qamar threatened to steal the second game when he took Jahangir to 5-6. But Jahangir then moved up a gear and the issue was never in doubt.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt Q Zaman (Pak) 9-2, 9-1, 9-1; Kenyon (GB) bt Zarak Khan (Pak) 9-6, 9-6, 9-1.

Prian's chance

Carl Prian makes his first domestic appearance of the table tennis season in the Stiga Middlesex Three Star Championships at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, this weekend, aware that the national selectors will be meeting throughout the event to put the finishing touches to the English squad for the 1987 World Championships in New Delhi, India, in February.

Skis stolen

Primoz Ulag, the Yugoslavian ski jumper, was knocked out of the World Cup 90m event yesterday at Thunder Bay, Ontario, when his skis were stolen. He hopes to have a new pair manufactured and sent in time for the second round in Lake Placid, New York next weekend.

Home victory

Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, swept aside the challenge of Arantza Sanchez Vicario, of Spain, 6-1, 6-1, to win the Argentine women's open tennis tournament yesterday in Buenos Aires. The top-seeded Miss Sabatini, ranked tenth in the world, showed the control and composure that have marked her play at the week-long tournament as she won in only 52 minutes. Miss Sanchez, seeded 12th, reached the final after a series of upsets.

SPORT IN BRIEF



Sabatini: powerful serve

City honour

Dan Travers, who won a gold medal in the men's doubles in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in August, is Glasgow's sports person of the year. Travers, aged 30, who has made 77 international badminton appearances, will defend his Scottish Invitation Singles Championship at Bishopbriggs this weekend. He is also the holder of the Scottish national singles and doubles titles.

Coach leads

Stewart Storey, the Sussex chief coach, is to captain the county's second XI next season. Storey, aged 45, led the second team intermittently last season with Paul Phillipson, who is now living and coaching in South Africa.

Prior notice

The Harlepool heavyweight boxer, David Garside, will have to wait for his chance to win the British title because the defending champion, Horace Notice, has a prior engagement. Notice's Commonwealth championship defence against Proud Kilmanjoro, of Zimbabwe, postponed from last week because of injury, has been re-scheduled for February 25 at Wolverhampton.

Breezing in

The Carlsberg Cooler, the leading team boat racing event in the country, was won by the Essex club at Datchet Water despite the holders, Colne Valley, winning the final leg. Essex and Princess, who finished second, copied better in stronger winds earlier in the series. Willie Banham, one of the lightest sailors in the field of 180, retained his individual trophy.

Island riches

The world's richest road marathon will be held on February 8 on the Indonesian island of Bali. Rob de Castella, winner of the Boston Marathon, and Alberto Salazar, the United States record holder, will be in the field for the 10km race and competing for \$130,000 in prize money with another \$350,000 as bonuses if world records are set.

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